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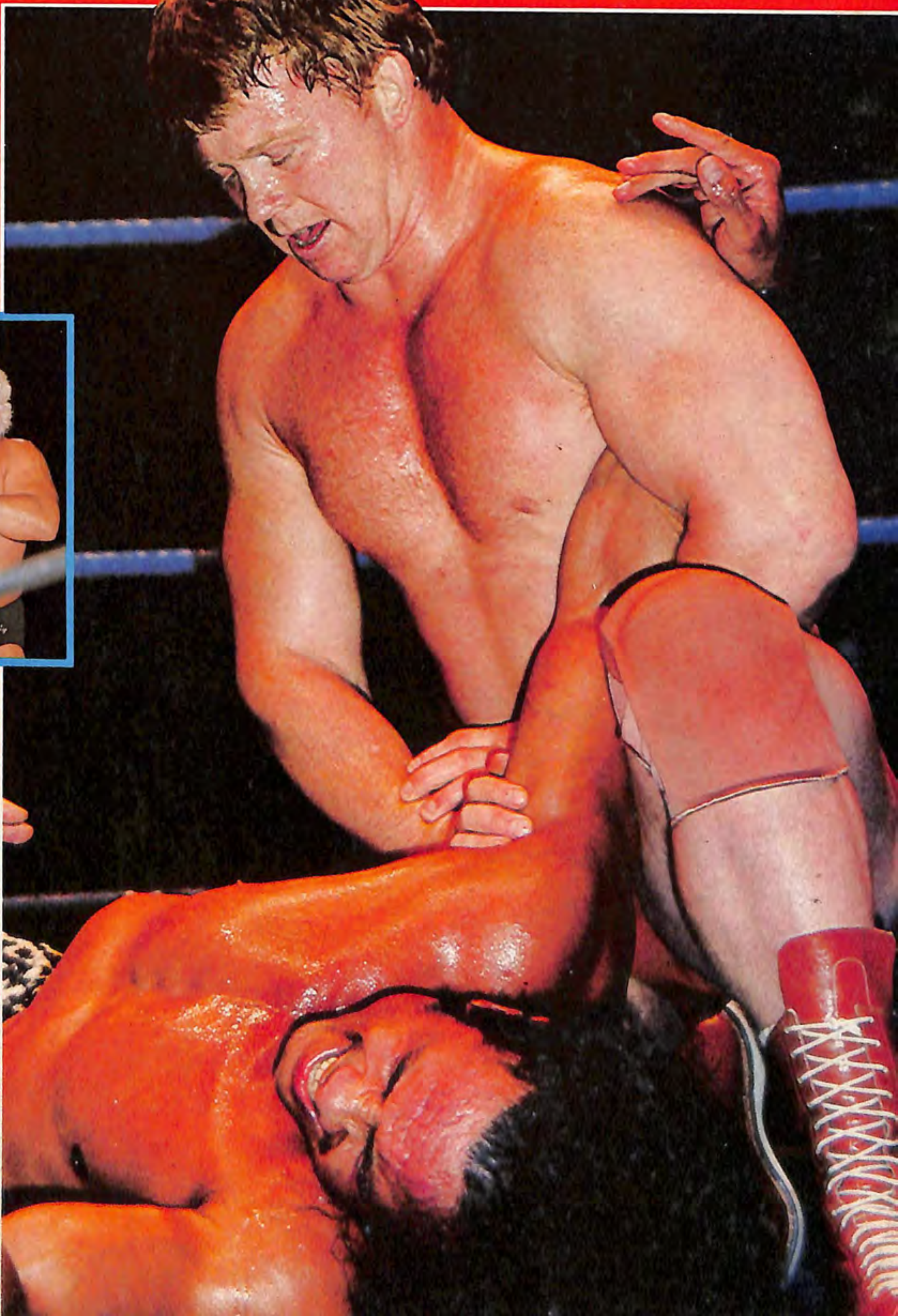

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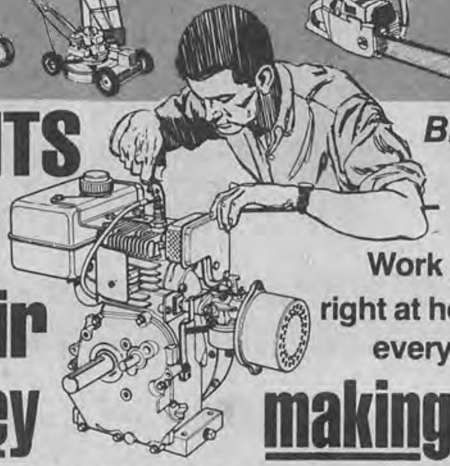

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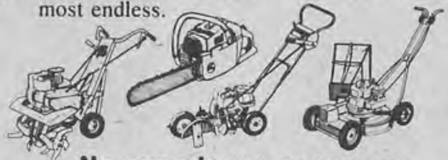

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2—COWBOY BOB ORTON
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4—PEDRO MORALES
5—IVAN PUTSKI
6—PLAYBOY BUDDY ROSE
7—TONY ATLAS
8—GREG VALENTINE
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AMERICAN WRESTLING ASSOCIATION

Champion: NICK BOCKWINKEL
1—HULK HOGAN
2—TITO SANTANA
3—BARON VON RASCHKE
4—KEN PATERA
5—RICK MARTEL
6—CRUSHER BLACKWELL
7—JUNKYARD DOG
8—JIM BRUNZELL
9—SHEIK ADNAN AL-KAISSIE
10—GREG GAGNE

MOST POPULAR

1—ANDRE THE GIANT
2—TOMMY RICH
3—DUSTY RHODES
4—HULK HOGAN
5—BOB BACKLUND
6—MR. WRESTLING II
7—RICK STEAMBOAT
8—TONY ATLAS
9—RICK MARTEL
10—DAVID VON ERICH

JIMMY SNUKA

KEN PATERA

JACK BRISCO

NICK BOCKWINKEL

NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

Champion: RIC FLAIR
1—SGT. SLAUGHTER
2—JACK BRISCO
3—PAUL ORNDORFF
4—DORY FUNK JR.
5—BRUISER
6—TOMMY RICH
7—JIM GARVIN
8—HARLEY RACE
9—DAVID VON ERICH
10—BOB ROOP

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2—JAY & JULES STRONGBOW
3—GREG GAGNE & JIM BRUNZELL
4—SUPER DESTROYER & JOHN STUDD
5—SWEET BROWN SUGAR & BUTCH REED
6—THE SAMOANS
7—PVTS. NELSON & KERNODLE
8—KEN LUCAS & RICK MORTON
9—CRUSHER BLACKWELL & SHEIK ADNAN AL-KAISSIE
10—MR. FUJI & MR. SAITO

MOST HATED

1—RODDY PIPER
2—RIC FLAIR
3—JIMMY SNUKA
4—KEN PATERA
5—NICK BOCKWINKEL
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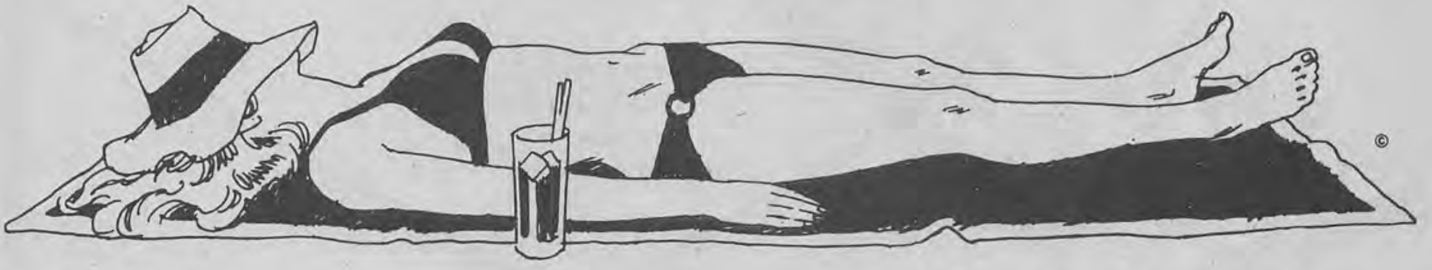

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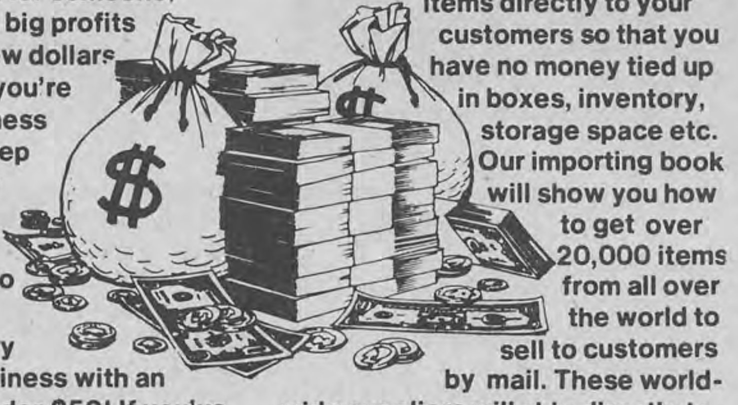

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DARIN ST. GEORGE
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Ken Patera always gives 110% of himself in every one of his wrestling matches. Reader Bernice Liberman feels there is more to Patera than meets the eye.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING!

By BILL APTER

WE START THE news with a sad note this issue. Peter Maivia is dead. The "High Chief" died in June in Hawaii after a long battle with cancer. Peter's death is a tremendous loss to the wrestling community. The void he leaves will be hard to fill.

The wrestling world is greatly saddened by the passing of "High Chief" Peter Maivia.

Now, on to other news: Ole Anderson and Stan Hansen have been declared the winners of the NWA tag team tournament. Anderson and Hansen won the Eastern Regional championship and were scheduled to meet West Coast champions Wahoo McDaniel and Magnificent Muraco for the title. Muraco and McDaniel, however, have split up. Thus, the title goes to Anderson and Hansen by default. The title was vacated by Gene and Ole Anderson in January when an injured Gene was unable to fulfill the obligations of the championship.

Jay and Jules Strongbow have won the WWF tag team belts from Mr. Fuji and Mr. Saito. The Japanese duo's manager, Captain Lou Albano, is crying "foul" as it appears that Fuji's leg was on the bottom rope as he was pinned by Jay. The referee claims he did not see the violation. Fuji and Saito held the belts for 8½ months after taking the title (quite illegally, I might add) from Tony Garea and Rick Martel.

Ole Anderson and Stan Hansen have been declared the winners of the NWA World tag team tournament.

On the Georgia scene, Paul Orndorff now holds the National title after a stunning victory over Buzz Sawyer at Atlanta's Omni. The bout, originally scheduled as a non-title affair, was changed when Orndorff called Sawyer a "yellow belly coward" and dared him to put the title on the line. Sawyer accepted and is now sorry he did.

Greg Valentine is negotiating with Bobby "The Brain" Heenan to manage him in the AWA. "He'll have to work out final details with my current manager, the Grand Wizard," says Greg. "The AWA won't get me cheap. I'm a very valuable commodity."

Greg Valentine has left the WWF and is negotiating with Bobby Heenan to wrestle in the AWA.

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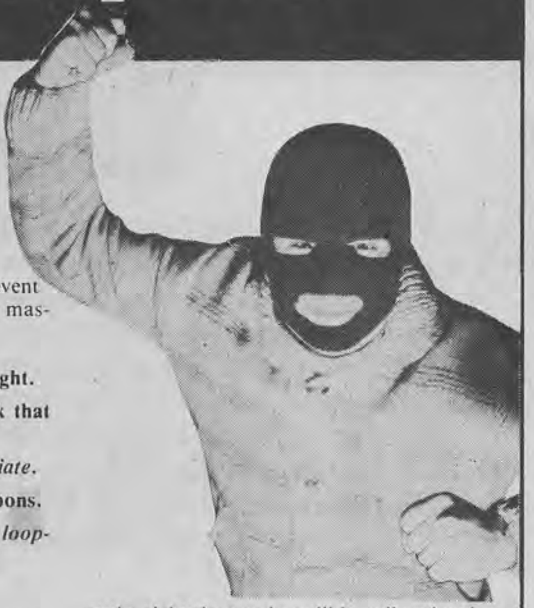
How to Beat Up a Bully, Mugger, or Rapist!



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Q: "My question is for Tommy Rich: Tommy, I have heard through the grapevine that you are leaving wrestling. Is this true? I don't think you should leave without considering how many fans would miss you."—Cherie Lynn Napier, Springfield, OH

A: Tommy Rich replies: "No, Cherie, I don't have any plans right now to leave wrestling, but I have to admit that I have been thinking twice about this sport. I think any person in any profession has to keep reviewing where he is and why he's there, and I've been doing an awful lot of thinking lately. I have a lot of doubts about the way things are going lately, but I also love this sport. No, I don't think I'll be leaving wrestling for a while, yet."

Settling the conflicting stories of the past few months, Tommy Rich tells us he has no plans to retire from wrestling at this time.

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Q: "Is it true that Jimmy Valiant is a rock 'n' roll sensation in his spare time?"—Mellyora Mason, Brownsburg, VA

A: "Sensation is not the word," answers Jimmy Valiant, "but super sensation, a master of the music, a gem among rhinestones, that's what the Boogie-Woogie Man is as far as rock 'n' roll goes. My record, *Handsome Jimmy*, is one of the hottest pieces of sizzling vinyl you will ever hear in your entire life!"

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Q: "How does Rodney Piper feel when he wears a dress on national television?"—Joyce Silcox, Marathon, FL

A: "First of all Joyce, it's *Roddy*, not Rodney," Piper replies, "and that's not your only exhibition of gross ignorance. I do not wear a dress, I wear a kilt. It's a traditional piece of clothing worn by men in the Scottish Highlands, but I wouldn't expect someone as obviously ignorant as yourself to understand the traditions of another culture, even if I explained it in single syllables."

Roddy Piper often wears a kilt into the ring. The garment is not a dress, but rather the traditional apparel worn by Scottish men.

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Q: "Please ask Bob Backlund what he thinks of Chief Jay Strongbow's comment in your July 1982 issue that he wishes a title shot sometime soon during his current stay in the WWF."—Jack Draper, Woodstock, GA

A: "Well, right now I'm still trying to take care of Jimmy Snuka," said Backlund, "and I have to admit, it's been one of the toughest challenges to my title over the past four years. As far as a title match against Chief Jay Strongbow goes, I just don't know right

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NOLANVILLE, TX—*Correspondent:* **Bobby Miller**—It was a great night of wrestling at the Mayborn Civic Center as Kevin and Kerry Von Erich went up against The Dragon and Kabuki. The wild match started off with Kabuki using karate chops and The Dragon using karate kicks to Kerry's throat. Then the tag was made, and Kevin came into the ring with a vengeance, pounding both Kabuki and The Dragon. Arman Hussein tried to distract the referee from outside the ring so that Kabuki and The Dragon could double-team Kerry, but the referee caught Kabuki coming off the top rope with a karate chop to Kerry's throat and declared Kevin and Kerry the winners by disqualification.

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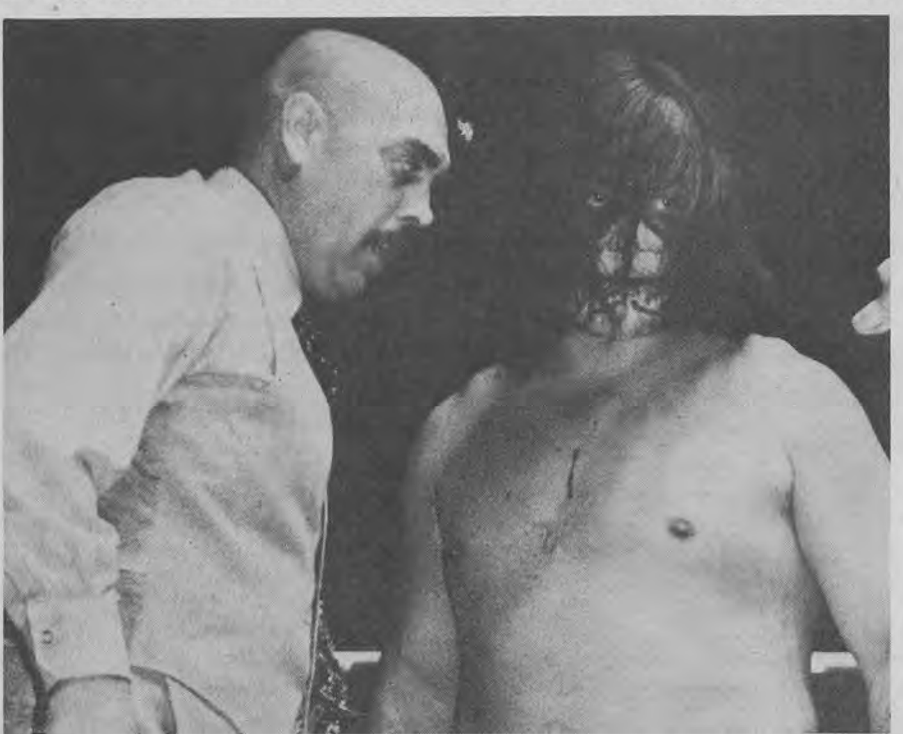

Gary Hart and Kabuki discuss strategy before the start of the tag team match.

GREEN BAY, WI—*Correspondent:* **Rhonda Ott**—The main event here pitted Hulk Hogan against "Tricky" Nick Bockwinkel and his manager, Bobby Heenan, a two-on-one match in which Bockwinkel and Heenan had to work in tag team formation. Bockwinkel was the first one in the ring. Several times he advanced towards the Hulk, but backed away hesitantly. Finally, the two began to duel. Bockwinkel introduced Hogan's head to the turnbuckle, *after* Heenan untied the turnbuckle pad, leaving the corner unprotected. After this, an angered Hogan smashed Bockwinkel's and Heenan's heads together. After tagging off, Heenan got into the ring and choked Hogan with the corner cord while Bockwinkel distracted the referee. Feeling he had taken enough, Hogan threw both Bockwinkel and Heenan out of the ring where the two were counted out.

With Bobby Heenan down and out, Hulk Hogan can focus his attention on Nick Bockwinkel. Hogan won the handicap match when Heenan and Bockwinkel were counted out of the ring.

In other bouts, Rick Martel

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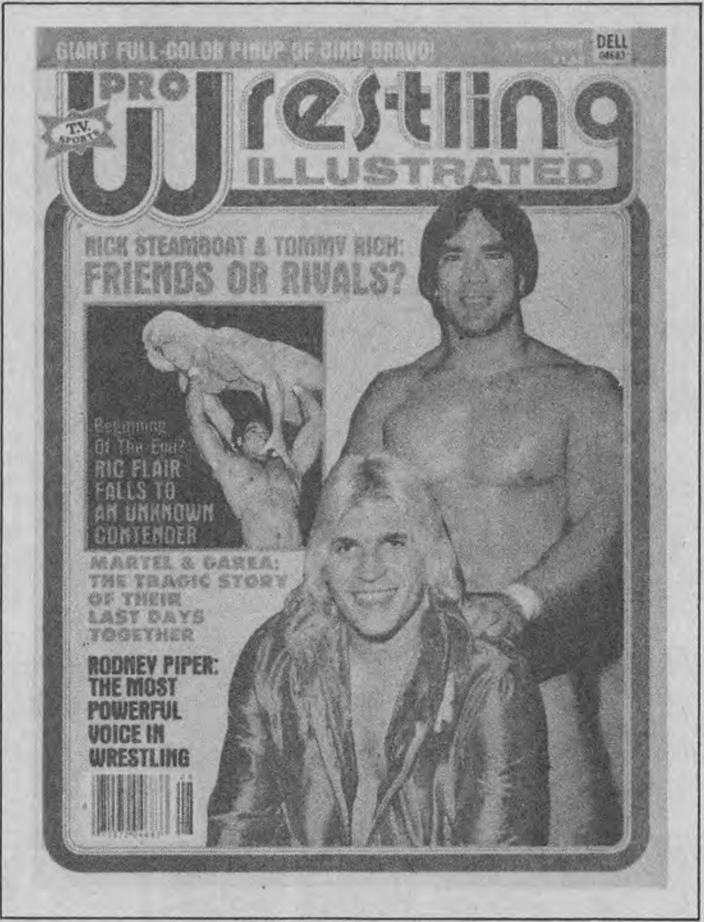

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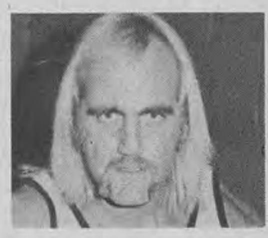
Thumbs Up

THUMBS UP to Jimmy Snuka: Even though his challenges to WWF titleholder Bob Backlund have been permeated by the utmost brutality and sadism, they have offered Backlund the sternest test yet of his worthiness as a champion. He is to be commended for taking Backlund to the limits of his abilities . . . and beyond.

THUMBS DOWN to Magnificent Muraco: After roughly a year in his native Hawaii, it looked as if Muraco was going to be returning to the mat wars as a scientific grappler, having teamed with Wahoo McDaniel. But Muraco turned on McDaniel and reverted to his former rulebreaking ways, a disappointment from an admittedly very talented wrestler.



THUMBS UP to Hulk Hogan: His significant role in the box office smash hit *Rocky III* has captured the hearts of wrestling fans everywhere. It has even exposed people to wrestling who have never been fans of the sport before, creating many new fans including Johnny Carson, who recently had Hogan as a guest on the *Tonight* show.

THUMBS DOWN to Tommy Rich: Although he has suffered greatly at the hands of Roddy Piper, having sustained a serious hand injury requiring the wearing of a heavy cast on his arm, Rich has insisted on wrestling with the cast. This offers him an unfair advantage in his matches that his opponents can never hope to equal.

THUMBS DOWN to Blackjack Mulligan: His continuing campaign of brutality against Andre the Giant is an uncalled for and unprovoked attack on the one man who is a worldwide fan favorite and has never lost a match. Mulligan's persistance in trying to defeat Andre is pathetic and he should be stopped immediately.

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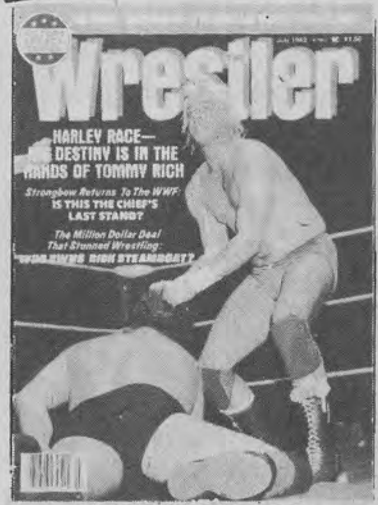

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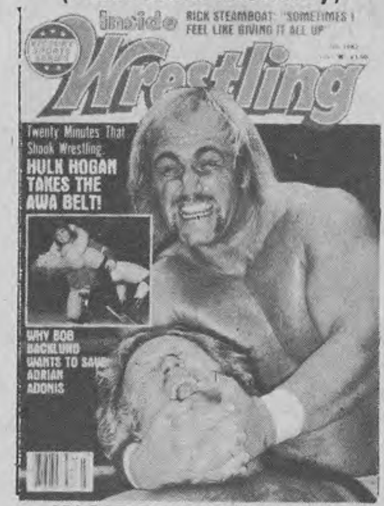

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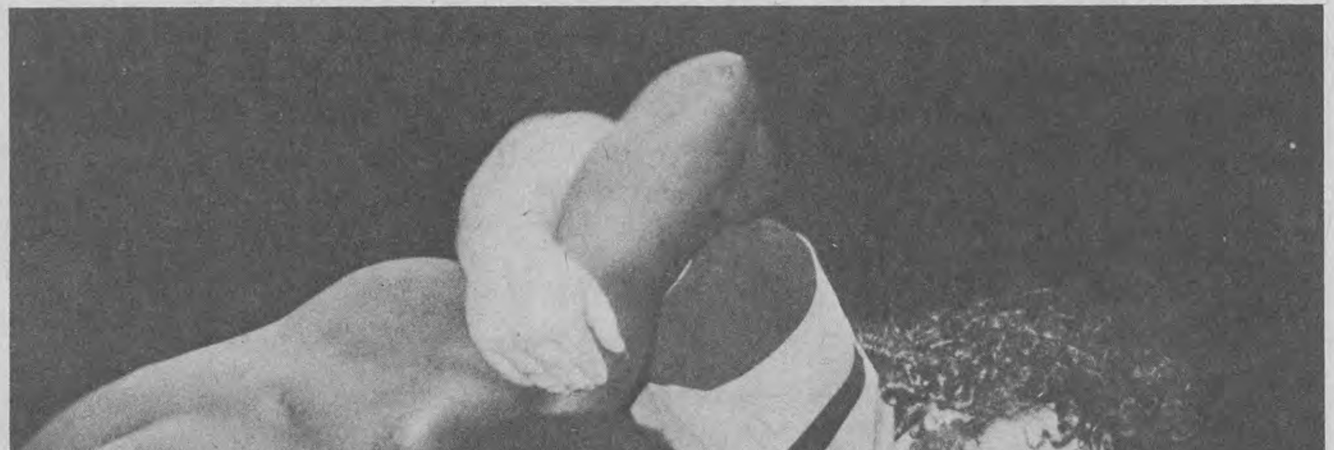

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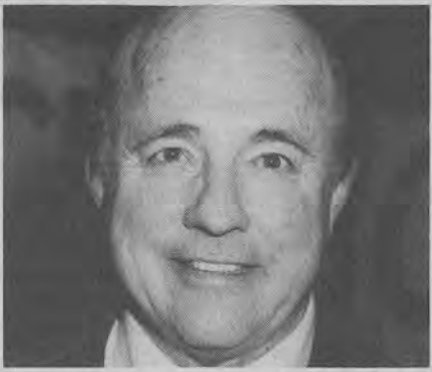
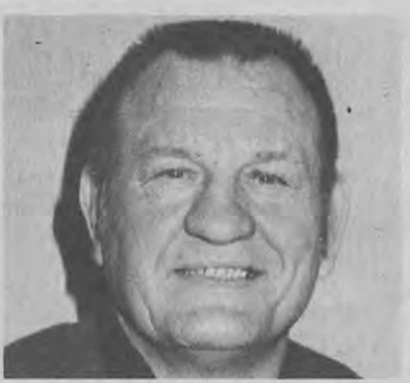
BRUNO SAMMARTINO
Doggone it, this guy is a total disgrace to the sport of wrestling. Not only doesn't he keep himself in shape, but he sets himself up with a partner from the Middle East only so he can get high payoffs and a harem for himself. Blackwell isn't interested in the sport of wrestling, he just wants as much of a payoff as he can get.

Bruno Sammartino is a former two-time WWF champion. He is known as wrestling's "Living Legend."



VERNE GAGNE
Ridiculous, completely ridiculous. There is no element of competition in the Blackwell vocabulary, only the element of greed. Nothing this man does in the ring is a result of sportsmanship. Far from it. Everything is geared to greed. Blackwell is an embarrassment to professional wrestling.

Verne Gagne held the AWA title a record 11 times. He is considered one of the greatest scientific wrestlers in history.



GENE KINISKI
Look, I don't care what you think about the guy, you have to admit that he is effective in the ring. Hell, there isn't a man alive who can bodyslam him; his weight is the best defense in the world. As far as offense, all he has to know are some basic maneuvers that channel bodyweight into your attack, and I know he's aware of those. He's a tough guy.

Gene Kiniski is a rugged Canadian who was NWA champion during the late 1960s.

JOHNNY VALENTINE
I'll tell you one thing, I wouldn't want to be in the other corner of the ring when Blackwell steps through those ropes. He's as tough as he is bulky, and there are too many wrestlers who have dropped matches against him simply because they underestimate Blackwell's abilities. That's one of his biggest edges, and he uses it to his advantage.

Johnny Valentine is a former U.S. champion and world tag team titleholder who was a top contender for the NWA, AWA, and WWF belts during his career.

LOU THESZ
I don't know what to think about this guy. I guess when it's all said and done, I really feel sorry for him more than anything else. If Jerry could slim down to a reasonable weight, he could be so agile, so devastating in the ring. He has the knowledge and he has the experience, but the way things are right now, it's all just a major waste of talent.

Lou Thesz held the NWA championship six times during his fabulous 50-year career. Some consider him the greatest all-around wrestler ever.

EDDIE GRAHAM
It would be very easy to find fault with Jerry, because he's tied himself together with this Sheik from the Middle East, he's built in the mold of Haystacks Calhoun, and all the rest of the common criticisms you hear about Blackwell. The thing is, though, he's successful at what he does, and I learned early in life that you can't argue with success.

Eddie Graham is a former world tag team champion and top contender for the NWA title.

COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Some of the back issues in this ad have not been offered for sale for more than 25 years. All of these extremely rare magazines are from the personal collection of Stanley Weston, owner of the world's largest collection of wrestling memorabilia. This is jndeed a once in a lifetime opportunity for the true collector to finally own these highly treasured but until now elusive editions. Obviously, the supplies of these issues is very limited, and they will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. It is for that reason we urge you to list substitute choices when you order. This will avoid time wasted writing back and forth should a particular issue be sold out. The prices quoted are based on the rarity of the issue and the amount of available copies. For fastest service, payment should be made by money order or certified check. While cash will be accepted, we cannot assume responsibility when it is sent through the mails. All sales are final and no exchanges will be made.

BOXING & WRESTLING

After five issues, WRESTLING magazine changed its name to BOXING & WRESTLING. Continuing its high standard in wrestling, the addition of boxing stories made it one of the most popular sports magazines of the '50s. Some of the back issues listed in this ad can be obtained now by the general public for the first time in more than 25 years. As you would expect, supplies are very, very limited.

JANUARY 1952 ***Boxing***—Pep vs. Saddler, Gans vs. Kid Lavigne, Robinson vs. Turpin, Mickey Walker, Tricksters, Tony Janiro, Barney Ross's Record, Tex Rickard, Roland LaStarza, Leonard vs. Kilbane, Rocky Marciano, Ratings, Knockouts
Wrestling—Yvon Robert, Wrestling Whirl, Sky Hi Lee, Matches of the Month, Pacific Coast Championship, George Hackenschmidt, Indian Wrestlers, Ruffy Silverstein, Ratings, Londos vs. Shikat **$25**

JUNE 1952 ***Boxing***—Fights of the Month, Gil Turner, Max Schmeling, Jack Johnson, Ratings, Stillman's Gym, Chico Vejar, Flyweights and Bantamweights, Tex Rickard Story, Paddy DeMarco, Max Baer's Record
Wrestling—Lord Carlton, Ratings, Mars Bennett, Human Sides, Tony Lanza, Wrestling Whirl, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, Matches of Month, San Francisco Promoter Joe Malcewicz **$25**

AUGUST 1952 ***Boxing***—Highlights, Paddy Young, Sammy Mandell, Trainer Doc Bagler, Jack Dempsey, Keeny Teran and Gil Cadilli, Tex Rickard Story, Lew Tendler, TV From Miami, From Knockdown to Victory, Ratings
Wrestling—Dirty Dick Raines, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, How Girl Wrestlers Keep Fit, Ratings, Adrian Baillargeon, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, Mighty Atlas **$25**

SEPTEMBER 1952 ***Boxing***—Highlights, Fighting Italians, George Arauji, Pancho Villa, Trainer Charlie Goldman, Willie Troy, Ratings, Boxing Confidential, Gene Tunney, Jackie Fields
Wrestling—Bobby Managoff, Lou Thesz's Record, Ratings, Matches of Month, Tim Geohagen, William Muldoon, Wrestling Whirl **$25**

OCTOBER 1952 ***Boxing***—Highlights (Walcott vs. Charles; Carter loses to Salas, etc.), Lauro Salas, Stanley Ketchel, Irish Champions, Chuck Davey, Max Schmeling, Ratings, Joe Miceli, Strange Experiences, Willie Pep tells about his loss to Sandy Saddler, Boxing Medicine Man Dr. Nardiello
Wrestling—Riki Dozan, Their Hardest Battles, Matches of Month, Ray Gunkel, Tough Turks, Wrestling Whirl, Ratings, Record of Verne Gagne **$25**

DECEMBER 1954 ***Boxing***—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Matches of Month, Cisco Andrade, Ezzard Charles writes about Marciano, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Tony DeMarco, Jimmy Braddock, Maxie Rosenbloom's Life, Paul Andrews, Tony Galento vs. Lou Nova, Benny Leonard, Quiz, Dempsey vs. Fred Fulton, Quiz
Wrestling—Bob Orton, Matches of Month, Cowboy Carlson, Mars Bennett, California Champs, Al Costello, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Fan Clubs **$25**

FEBRUARY 1955 ***Boxing***—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Nino Valdez Says "I'll Beat Marciano," Billy Petrolle's Life, Carmen Basilio Challenges Johnny Saxton, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Lou Stillman, Jim Corbett vs. Joe Choynski, Jack Delany, Jack Johnson Compared to Modern Fighters, Why Black Fighters Are Tops, Quiz, Ratings, Jimmy McLarnin
Wrestling—Billy Varga, Ratings, Violet Viann, Verne Gagne, Speaks Out, Matches of Month, Sonny Myers, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, How To Start A Fan Club **$25**

MARCH 1955 ***Boxing***—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Kid Gavilan, Cisco Andrade, Eugene Criqui, Ratings, Writer Dan Parker, Best Heavyweight Of All, Charley Powell, Youg Griffo, Kid McCoy vs. Tomy Sharkey, Willie Ritchie, Quiz, Pedro Montanez
Wrestling—Gorgeous George, Matches of Month, Jack Witzig, Ike Eakins, Texas Tough Guys, Little Black Dynamite, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs. **$25**

APRIL 1955 ***Boxing***—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Archie Moore Blasts Marciano, Robert Cohen, Joe Choynski's Life, Strike By Managers' Guild, 'Boardwalk' Billy Smith, Ad Wolgast vs. Joe Rivers, Fake Fights, St. Nicks Arena, TV Fights of 1954, Paul Berlenbach, Quiz, Ratings **$25**

JUNE 1955 ***Boxing***—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Eduardo Lausse, Tony Canzoneri's Life, Tiger Jones and Bobby Jones, How Marciano is Managed, Lou Brouillard's Life, Bob Baker, Matchmaker Teddy Brenner, Ten Deadliest Punches, Tommy Ryan vs. Sandow, Ruby Goldstein, Ratings, Quiz
Wrestling—Yukon Eric, Pacific Coast Powerhouses, Billy Goelz, Wrestling Whirl, Manuel Cortez, Matches of Month, Bob Geigel, Fan Clubs, Full Color Pinup of Billy Varga **$25**

JULY 1955 ***Boxing***—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Rocky Marciano Crushes Don Cockell, Fights of Month, Chico Vejar, Tony Canzoneri's Life (conclusion), Carmen Basilio describes his war with Tony DeMarco, Fight Nite At St. Nicks, Jimmy Soo, Fantasy Fight with Joe Walcott, Ludwig Lightburn, Benny Leonard vs. Ever Hammer, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Ratings, Quiz
Wrestling—'Tiger' Joe Marsh, Matches of Month, Timmy Geohagen, TV Stars, Yukon Eric Tells How To Build Muscles, Was Henri DeGlane a Nazi? Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Full Color Pinup of Frankie Talaber **$25**

AUGUST 1955 ***Boxing***—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Floyd Patterson, Tony DeMarco, Boxing's Mouthpiece, Mickey Walker, Joe Rowan, Fritzie Zivic batters Henry Armstrong, Fighting Irish, Joey Lopes, Sam Langford vs. Stanley Ketchel, Quiz, Luis Firpo, Ratings
Wrestling—'Legs' Langevin, Yukon Eric, Matches of Month, Promoter Eddie Quinn, Most Dangerous Holds, Joe Cassius, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Full Color Pin Up Of Leo Nomellini **$25**

SEPTEMBER 1955 ***Boxing***—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Rocky Castellani, Promoter Jim Norris, Fight Afternoon, Rudy Garcia, Abe Attell, Billy Graham Quits, Terry McGovern vs. Pedler Palmer, Pat McMurtry, Al Singer, Willie Jackson, Ratings, Quiz
Wrestling—Leo Nomelline, Do Black Wrestlers Get Fair Shake? Matches of Month, Crazy Kalmikoffs, Hans Schnabel, Wrestling Whirl, Al & Tiny Mills, Gossip, Wrestling Stinks! Full Color Pin Up of Big Bill Miller **$25**

OCTOBER 1955 ***Boxing***—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, The Real Marciano, Frankie Carbo, Carmen Basilio, John L. Sullivan vs. Charley Mitchell, Carmelo Costa, Jack Dempsey (Part 1), Paddy Young, Archie Moore, Joe Benjamin, Ratings, Quiz
Wrestling—Hans Herman, Matches of Month, Strangler Lewis, One World's Title! Sky Hi Lee, Wrestling Whirl, Kamikaze Kinji, Hans Schmidt, Full Color Pin Up of Lord Blears **$25**

NOVEMBER 1955 ***Boxing***—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Marciano Kayoes Archie Moore, Fights of Month, Willie Pastrano, What Made Dempsey A Killer? 'Bud' Smith, Yama Bahama, Joe Gans vs. Rufe Turner, Strategy, Tony Puleo, Great Trainers, Ratings, Johnny Dundee, Johnny Kilbane, Quiz
Wrestling—Riki Dozan, Matches of Month, Don Arnold, Colorful Characters, Hindu Wrestlers, Chris Tolos, Malcolm Brenner, Full Color Pin Up of Pat O'Connor **$25**

JANUARY 1956 ***Boxing***—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Joey Giambra upsets Bobo Olson, Joe Lynch, Ray Drake, Mystery of Joe Walcott Solved, Training Camps, Jimmy Slattery, Chris Christensen, Bare Knuckle Brawl-Tom Johnson vs. Isaac Perrins, Petey Sarron, Charley White, Ratings, Quiz
Wrestling—Why Women Wrestle, Wrestling Whirl, Bill Fletcher, Ivan Padubny, Bearded Wrestlers, Matches of Month, Art Michalek, Gossip, Fan Clubs **$25**

MARCH 1956 ***Boxing***—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Chuck Spieser, Isaac Logart, Ratings, Luis Firpo's Life, Raton Macias, Jim Jeffries vs. Ji Corbett, Tiger Jones, Boxing Lesson, Review of 1955, Frankie Genaro, Quiz
Wrestling—Leo 'The Lion' Newman, Matches of Month, Doc Gallagher, Terrible Turk, Breast Cancer and Girl Wrestlers, Barefoot Wrestlers, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Wives of Wrestlers **$25**

APRIL 1956 ***Boxing***—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Carmen Basilio, Commissioner Helfand, Pete Herman, Regaining Titles, Bobby Boyd, Ace Hudkins' Life, George Dixon vs. Solly Smith, Joe Benjamin, Louis 'Kid' Kaplan, Quiz **$25**

MAY 1956 ***Boxing***—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, How Floyd Patterson Will Fight Marciano, Ray Robinson's Problems, Jackie 'Kid' Berg's Life, Yama Bahama, 'Kid' Lavigne, Combating TV, Sam Langford, Bob Murphy, Boxing Lesson, Carl Tremaine, Ratings, Quiz
Wrestling—Rocca, Ada Ash, Matches of Month, Old Timers, Prince Maivia, Wrestling Whirl, Jerry Graham, Red Bastien, Gossip **$25**

JUNE 1956 ***Boxing***—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Cisco Andrade, Ludwig Lightburn, Remembering Chicago, Tony Zale's Life, Rory Calhoun, Quiz, Ratings, Tom Sharkey vs. Peter Maher by Jim Corbett, Aurelio Herrera, Dave Shade, Readers' Gripe
Wrestling—'Hard Boiled' Haggerty, Wrestling Whirl, John Pesek, Killer Kowalski, Texas Hot Spot, Powerhouses, Matches of Month, Fan Clubs, Gossip **$25**

JULY 1956 ***Boxing***—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Rocky Marciano, Max Schmeling's Life, Johnny Saxton, John L. Sullivan, Miguel Berrios, Larry Boardman, Quiz, Ratings, Joe Gans vs. 'Elbows' McFadden, Hollywood Legion Stadium, Ritchie Mitchell
Wrestling—Lord Blears, Matches of Month, Mexican Stars, Ramona TeSelle, Danno O'Mahoney, Wrestling Whirl, Roy Shire, TV Wrestling, Gossip **$25**

AUGUST 1956 ***Boxing***—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Tony DeMarco, Bob Fitzsimmons vs. Peter Maher, Cherif Hamia, John Holman, Jess Willard's Life, Bucking TV, Johnny Summerlin, Joe Choynski, Earl Mastro, Ratings, Bob Armstrong, Quiz, Gossip
Wrestling—George Drake, Wrestling Whirl, Chief Kit Fox, Matches of Month, Yvon Robert (Part 1), Why Wrestlers Bleach Their Hair, Bob Geigel, Gossip **$25**

OCTOBER 1956 ***Boxing***—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Willie Pastrano, Henry Armstrong's Life, Archie Moore, Jimmy McLarnin, Charley Joseph, Jim Jeffries, Jimmy Soo, Boxing Lesson, Kid Chocolate, Ratings, Quiz, Letters
Wrestling—Don Leo Jonathan, Wrestling Whirl, Fred Blassie, Billy Varga's Wife, Dangers of Wrestling, Yvon Robert (Part 3), Matches of Month, Letters, Fan Club **$25**

NOVEMBER 1956 ***Boxing***—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Tony DeMarco, Art Aragon, Mario D'Agata, Tony Anthony, King Levinsky's Life, Johnny Busso, Joe Louis vs. John Henry Lewis, Ken Overlin, Ratings, Lockport Jimmy Duffy, Kid McCoy vs. Jim Stewart, Quiz
Wrestling—Bobby Managoff, Around the Circuit, Slave Girl Moolah, Ratings, Matches of MOnth, Yvon Robert (Part 4), George Hubert, Fan Clubs, Letters **$25**

DECEMBER 1956 ***Boxing***—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Gene Fullmer, Jack Dempsey vs. Billy Miske, Harold Carter, Tex Class Fights, Jinx of College Fighters, Barney Ross vs. Jimmy McLarnin, Alex Miteff, Eddie 'Babe' Risko, Leonard Del Genio, Frank Battaglia, Ratings, Letters
Wrestling—John Paul Hennig, Wrestling Whirl, Rose Roman, Tag Team Situation, Matches of Month, Jim Wright, Bull Montana's Wife, Are Fans Crazy? Letters**$25**

JANUARY 1957 ***Boxing***—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Carmen Basilio, Fighter of Year, Mike Gibbons' Life, Predicting the Champs in 1957, Joe Brown, Greatest Lightweights of All Time, Stanley Ketchel, Boxing Lesson, Tommy Loughran beats Jim Braddock, Bill Brennan, Ratings, Quiz, Letters
Wrestling—Carl Engstrom, Greatest Champions of All Time Bronko Nagurski, Matches of Month, Johnny Barend Wrestling Whirl, Tito Carreon, Comparing Old and New, Letters **$30**

SEPTEMBER 1957 ***Boxing***—Stanley Weston Editorial, Letters, Fights of Month, Tony Anthony, Benny Leonard Kayoed by Frank Fleming, Alphonse Halimi, Peter Jackson, Willie Pastrano, Gene Tunney, Billy Ryan, Triple Header; Harry Greb beats Mickey Walker, Dave Shade Kayoes Jimmy Slattery, Harry Wills Stops Charley Weinert, 'Knockout Brown,' Tom Sayers, Stanley Ketchel's Life in Pictures, Critics Talk, Ratings
Wrestling—Wrestlers Highest Paid, Killer Kowalski, Results of Month, Hard Boiled Haggerty, Letters, Fan Clubs, Facts Behind Wrestling Boom **$35**

JANUARY 1958 ***Boxing***—Stanley Weston Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Jimmy Braddock vs. Tommy Farr, Floyd Patterson, Johnny Kilbane, Mike O'Dowd, Chalky Wright, Carmen Basilio, Jimmy Wilde's Life, World's Ten Best Fighters, Quiz, Fighters Turned Actor, Bobing Lesson, Bare Knuckle Feature, Leach Cross Kayoes Young Otto, Letters, Remember When, Ratings
Wrestling—Ricki Starr, The Bruiser, Canadian Trail, Fan Clubs, Letters, Matches of Month **$25**

FEBRUARY 1958 ***Boxing***—TV Jottings, Letters, Fights of Month, Louis vs. Marciano, Robinson vs. LaMotta, Walcott vs. Charles, Pep vs. Saddler, Basilio vs. DeMarco, Light Heavyweight History, Punch that Shocked World (Jack Sharkey Fouls Max Schmeling), Preview of 1958, Born Killer (Fiction), Britain's Boxing Booths, Ray Robinson's Career in Pictures, Picking Winners, Quiz, Gene Tunney-Georges Carpentier Feud, Al McCoy, Critics Talk
Wrestling—Mickey Gold, The Garibaldis, Smith Brothers, Gypsy Joe, The Gallaghers, How Women React to Wrestlers, Photo Highlights, Results of Month, Fan Clubs **$25**

APRIL 1958 ***Boxing***—Stanley Weston Editorial, Letters, Fights of Month, Ratings, Carmen Basilio—Fighter of the Year, Complete Review of 1957 featuring Records, Results, Weights, Photos (Eight Pages), Bob Fitzsimmons, History of the Middleweights, Kid Chocolate Beats Fidel LaBarba, John L. Sullivan's Life, Barney Ross' Book, Remember When
Wrestling—Wrestlers in Movies, Sexiest Girl Wrestlers-Penny Banner and Barbara Baker, Predictions for 1958, Is The Champion Lou Thesz or Ed Carpentier? Sellout at the Garden, Photos of Month, Results of Month **$25**

WRESTLING REVUE

WRESTLING REVUE (1959-1964) is thought to be the finest series of wrestling magazines ever published. These beautiful editions (all edited and published by Stanley Weston) set a standard by which all of today's wrestling magazines are judged. The magnificent back issues in this ad, many of which contain spectacular full-color inserts, have been unavailable to the public for more than 10 years. Supplies of these collector's treasures are very limited.

FALL 1960	$35
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BOXING ILLUSTRATED-WRESTLING NEWS

In November 1958 Stanley Weston launched BOXING ILLUSTRATED-WRESTLING NEWS, which established an entirely new concept in the field of boxing and wrestling magazines. They consisted of about 65 percent boxing and 35 percent wrestling in content of the finest writing and photographs ever published. Most of the very rare issues listed below have not been offered for sale in almost 20 years, and they are among the most highly prized Collector's Issues of all time.

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TV BOXING

To meet the public's growing hunger for up-to-the-minute information generated by regular boxing matches shown on the new television medium, Stanley Weston created a new magazine in 1953 to meet the demands. TV BOXING was unique in every way, and while its life's span was less than two years, it established itself as a milestone in the field of boxing magazines. The extremely rare issues listed below have not been offered for sale since 1954.

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1953 BOXING ANNUAL

This cherished collector's issue consisted of 100 pages of seemingly endless photographs, statistics and complete records of the leading fighters of the day: Marciano, Robinson, Gavilan, DeMarco, Carter, Saddler, Moore. The list goes on and on. And well over 100 great pictures, some in a glowing red tint. We guarantee that this fabulous 1953 Boxing Annual will turn back the clock and make you feel like you are living in those times; thrilling to the unforgettable performances of some of the greatest fighters who ever lived. This was the first Boxing Annual ever published, and to this day it still retains its title: The Best of All Time—The Champion of Champions! **$50**

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Q&A

Each month, THE WRESTLER will present a "Question and Answer" forum with an important figure in the wrestling world. It is your chance to meet wrestling's biggest stars as they answer the questions uppermost on the fans' minds

Muraco is left a bloody and beaten man in a recent match. Muraco assumed his stay in Georgia would be as easy as his vacation in Hawaii. Twelve stitches above the eye proved otherwise.

Q: You've been away from the ring for quite a while, Don.

A: Please, call me "Magnificent," everyone else does.

Q: All right, Magnificent, but the question still stands. Where have you been for the last year or so?

A: Well, it's been less than a year, and most of it I've spent back home in Hawaii, resting up on the beach, taking it easy, partying a lot, and trying to get a good tan.

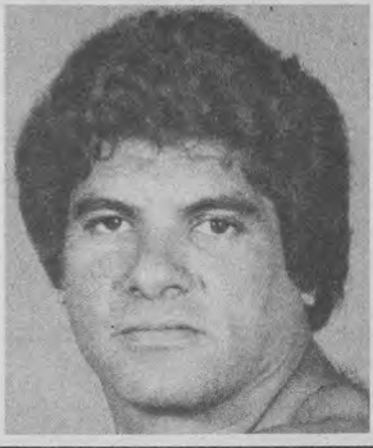
Q: I can see you succeeded with that last goal.

A: Well, it used to be a lot darker, a lot of it has worn away over the last month or two since I've been back in Georgia.

Q: Yes, of course we ought to ask you about that. Why did you return to Georgia under a mask, using the name "Dr. X"?

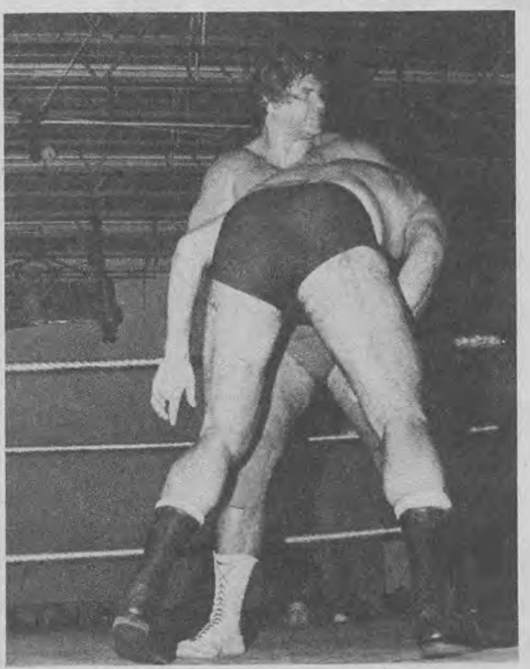
A: Well, that was Roddy's idea. You see, Roddy is a very, very brilliant man. He's a superb ring tactician, and a master of psychological warfare. He felt that if he brought in a "secret weapon," that it would serve to confound and confuse men like Tommy

MAGNIFICENT MURACO



A T ONE TIME, Magnificent Muraco could sneer at his critics who screamed "Beach Bum" during his matches. He could afford to: He was WWF Intercontinental champion. Some say he became too enamored with the power of the title, some say he concentrated too much on the glory and not enough on the training. Whatever the case, Muraco lost the belt to the very man he took it from: Pedro Morales. Soon thereafter, Muraco seemed to vanish from the face of professional wrestling. He has recently resurfaced, however, behind the mask of a man known for a while only as "Dr. X," and alongside Roddy Piper. In this interview, Muraco talks about where he's been lately, and how he may become the pivotal element in the massive conflict in Georgia.

Rich, Bob and Brad Armstrong, Dusty Rhodes, and the rest of the weaklings who infest Georgia. He felt that a masked man would add an element of mystery, a little touch of the sinister unknown, to the battle in Georgia. Of course when it became known that Dr. X is of course Magnificent Muraco, then that is naturally the finishing blow. Where Rich and Armstrong and Rhodes might have been a little scared before, now they've got to be downright



Muraco has a distinctive style (left) and did not deceive many fans when he appeared in Georgia under a mask and going by the name "Dr. X" (above). Muraco feels he is responsible for shifting the balance of terror in Georgia to Roddy Piper and his friends.

terrified because not only does Piper have himself, not only does he have Ole Anderson, not only does he have Buzz Sawyer, but now he has the one and only Magnificent Muraco to aid him in his efforts in Georgia.

Q: Do you think that you can be the straw that breaks the camel's back, so to say? Do

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INTRODUCING

LAURENT SOUCIE

THE DATE WAS June 3, 1981, to be precise. The place was Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The opponent was Billy Howard. The occasion was the professional debut of Laurent Soucie.

Soucie won that match against Howard, but since then his career has not progressed so smoothly.

"This has been one of the toughest years of my life, if not *the* toughest," said Soucie. "I've had to face some of the toughest men in all of wrestling without the benefit of ring experience or the various skills that come with time."

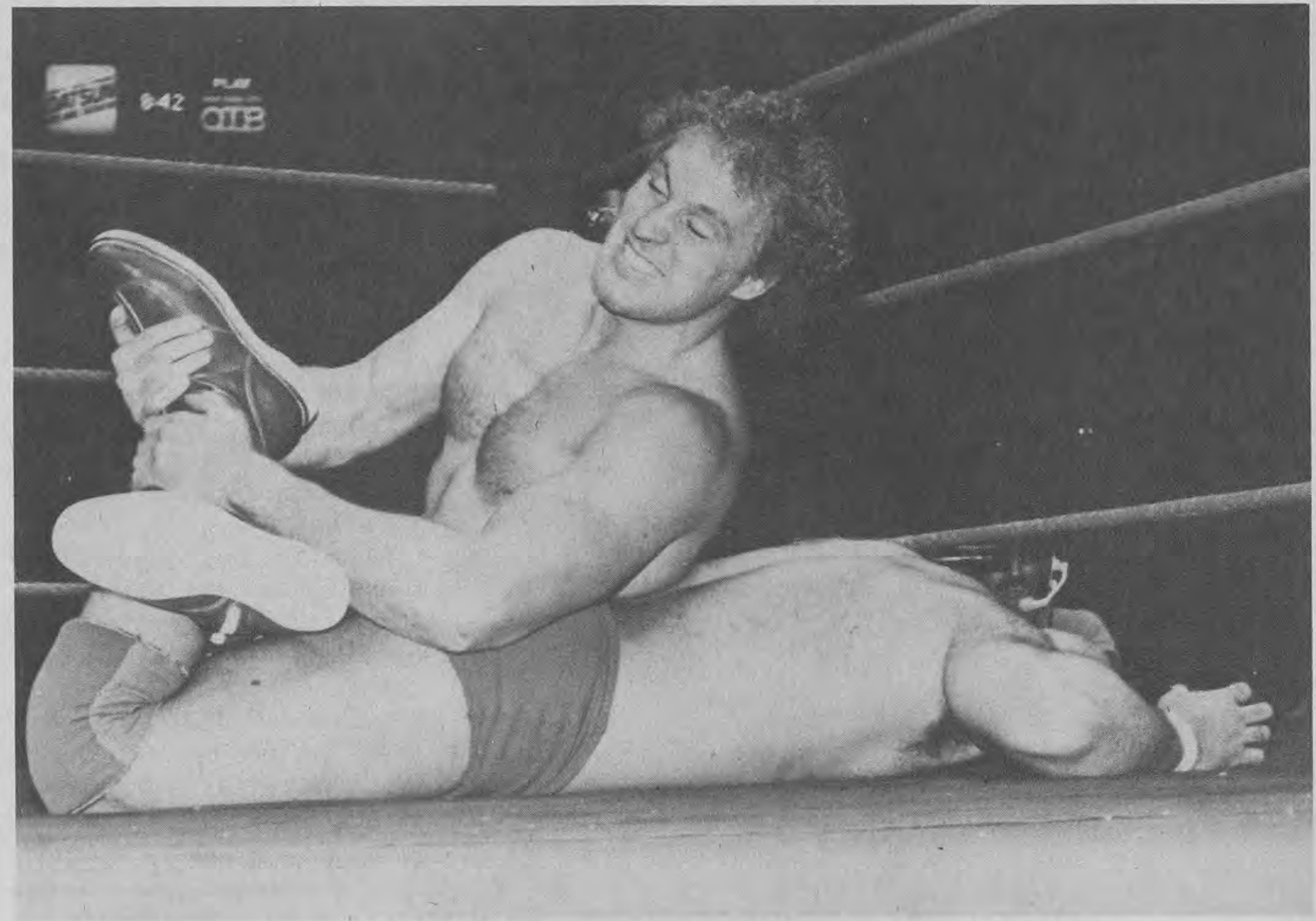
Indeed, Soucie has run a veritable gantlet of challengers in the WWF ranging from Jose Estrada to Mr. Fuji and Mr. Saito, the tag team champions.

"It's been an incredible learning experience," says Soucie, "and I've been fortunate enough to wrestle in tag team competition with some of the most respected wrestlers in the world as my partners.

"Andre the Giant was one partner who practically intimidated me as much as he did our opponents," Soucie said. "He is such an imposing figure, but as soon as we sat down and had a short talk, outlined our strategy and so forth, I came to know him as a partner and a friend. I'm very proud about that."

Many observers of the WWF feel that Soucie is perhaps the brightest rookie in the area. This observation is based on two factors. First of all, his

In spite of his impressive amateur credentials Laurent Soucie is only a rookie in the professional ranks and has taken his share of lumps. He is young, however, and most agree that he has a bright future and perhaps enough talent to take him all the way to the championship



Though Soucie has built an impressive record, his rookie year has been very tough on the former amateur champion. Soucie has had a difficult time making the transition to the rugged professional style.

performance in the ring over the past year has proved that he has the potential to become a truly great wrestler.

Secondly, Soucie has had an amateur career that was absolutely brilliant.

Soucie, a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison and immediately established himself as an outstanding grappler. A list of his amateur accomplishments is extremely impressive:

- Four-time national AAU champion; named outstanding wrestler
- Two-time National Wrestling Federation champion
- Member of three world teams for the United States
- Toured and competed in the USSR and Poland from 1977 through 1979. (While on tour Soucie won one silver and one bronze medal, and added two remarkable names to his list of vanquished opponents: Ben Peterson, Olympic gold medalist, and Uwe Neupert, 1978 world champion from East Germany.)
- Won a silver medal in 1978 World Cup competition
- Was a member of the 1980 team that was to compete in the Moscow Olympics

With so many past accomplishments, it is no wonder that Soucie made the decision to enter professional wrestling.

"I knew all along that turning professional was what I wanted to do," Soucie explained. "I had a taste of competition on the mat in high school, of course, and my collegiate career was pretty good. I have to admit, though, that when you win a medal, or you defeat an opponent as respected as Peterson or Neupert, there's a certain feeling that you get that is like nothing else a person can experience. I can't really describe it, but it's a very addicting thing. I wanted to be able to experience that feeling every day if possible. I guess it's pride and the knowledge of a job well done. With my decision to turn to professional wrestling, I have the opportunity to wrestle almost every day.

"It's an incredibly demanding pace," Soucie added, "but it's also incredibly satisfying."

Soucie has wrestled in the AWA and the NWA as well as in the WWF, and he maintains that he is going to stay right where he is.

"I'm comfortable where I am now, I'm beginning to gain some respect among the other WWF wrestlers, and that's something that is as important to me as winning the match," says Soucie. "Besides, I can't think of any better goal than the WWF title." □

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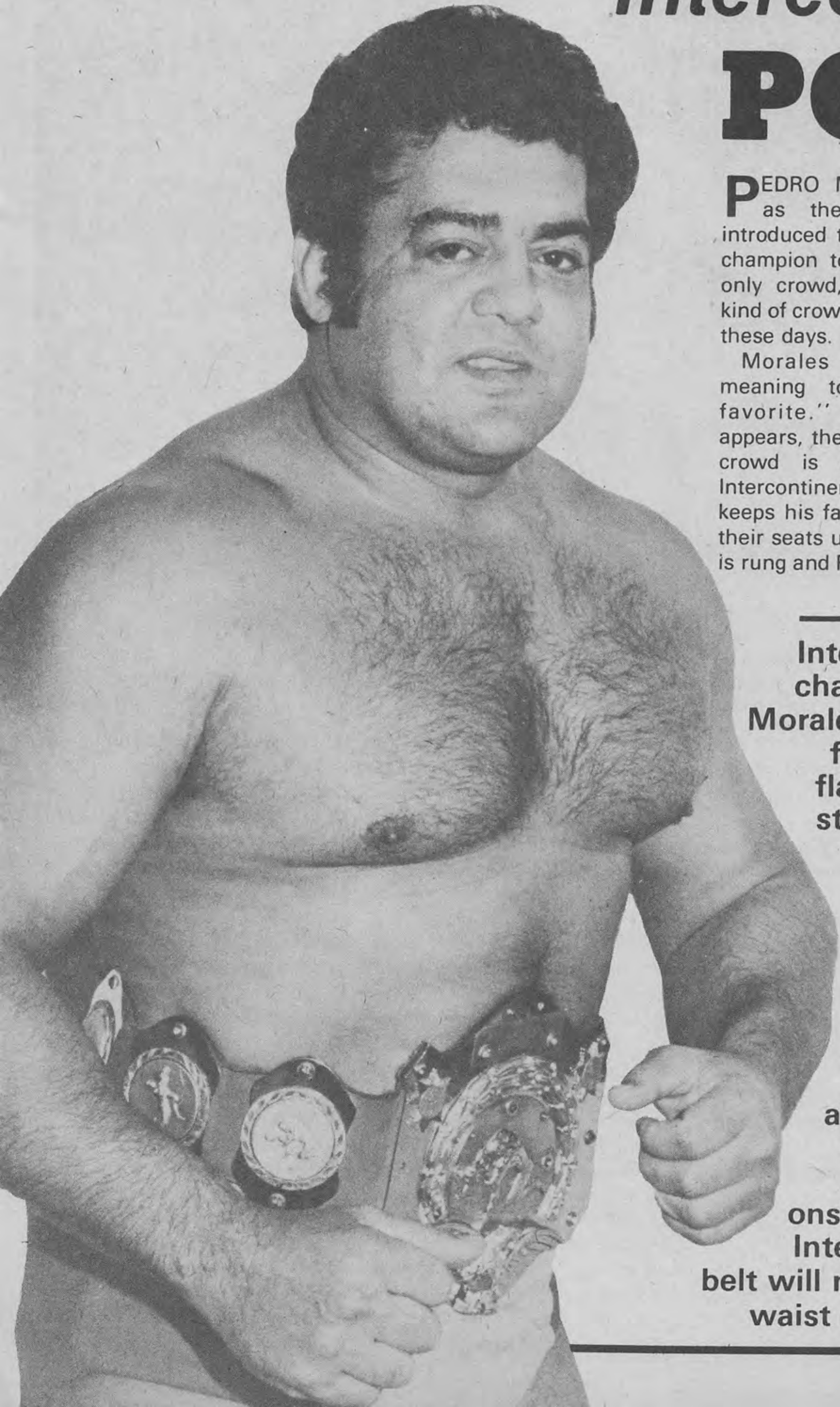


PEDRO MORALES SMILED as the ring announcer introduced the Intercontinental champion to a standing-room-only crowd, virtually the only kind of crowd Morales ever sees these days.

Morales has given new meaning to the term "fan favorite." Everywhere he appears, the enthusiasm of the crowd is unmatched. Every Intercontinental title defense keeps his fans on the edges of their seats until the closing bell is rung and Pedro holds the belt

Intercontinental champion Pedro Morales is suffering from a critical flaw in his ring style: He takes tremendous beatings from his opponents in nearly every title defense. Unless he is able to alter his style to avoid such onslaughts, the Intercontinental belt will not adorn his waist much longer

tal Champion Pedro Morales

D FOR DISASTER

high in the air for all to see.

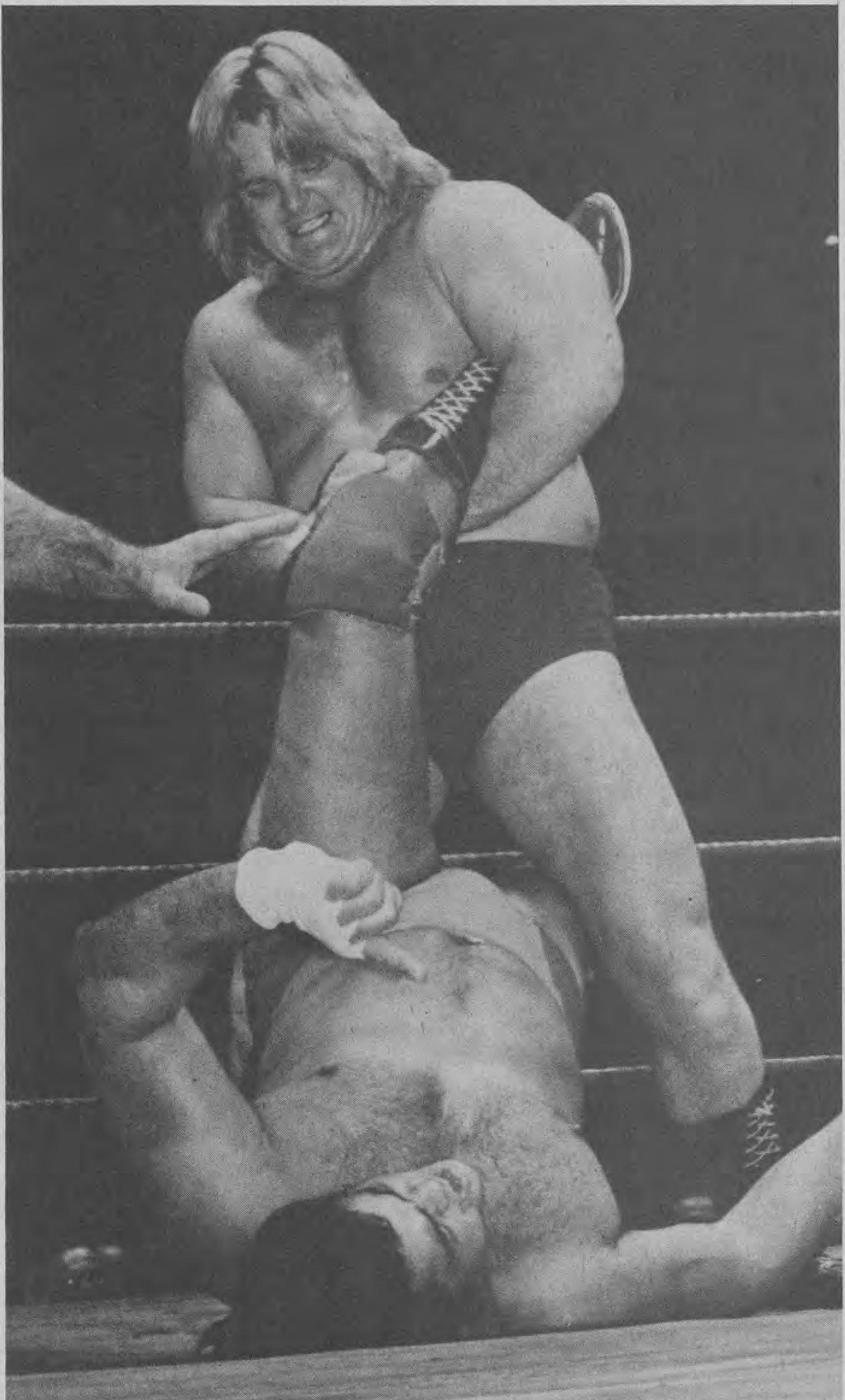
When Pedro lost the Intercontinental title to Magnificent Muraco last year, it was the fans who supported him through those troubled times and guided him back to the championship, to *their* championship. Pedro Morales: The People's Champion.

But all is not as glorious as it may seem. Unless Pedro Morales takes time out to reevaluate his style and reconsider the direction of his career, he may very well lose both the adoration of the fans and the Intercontinental belt itself.

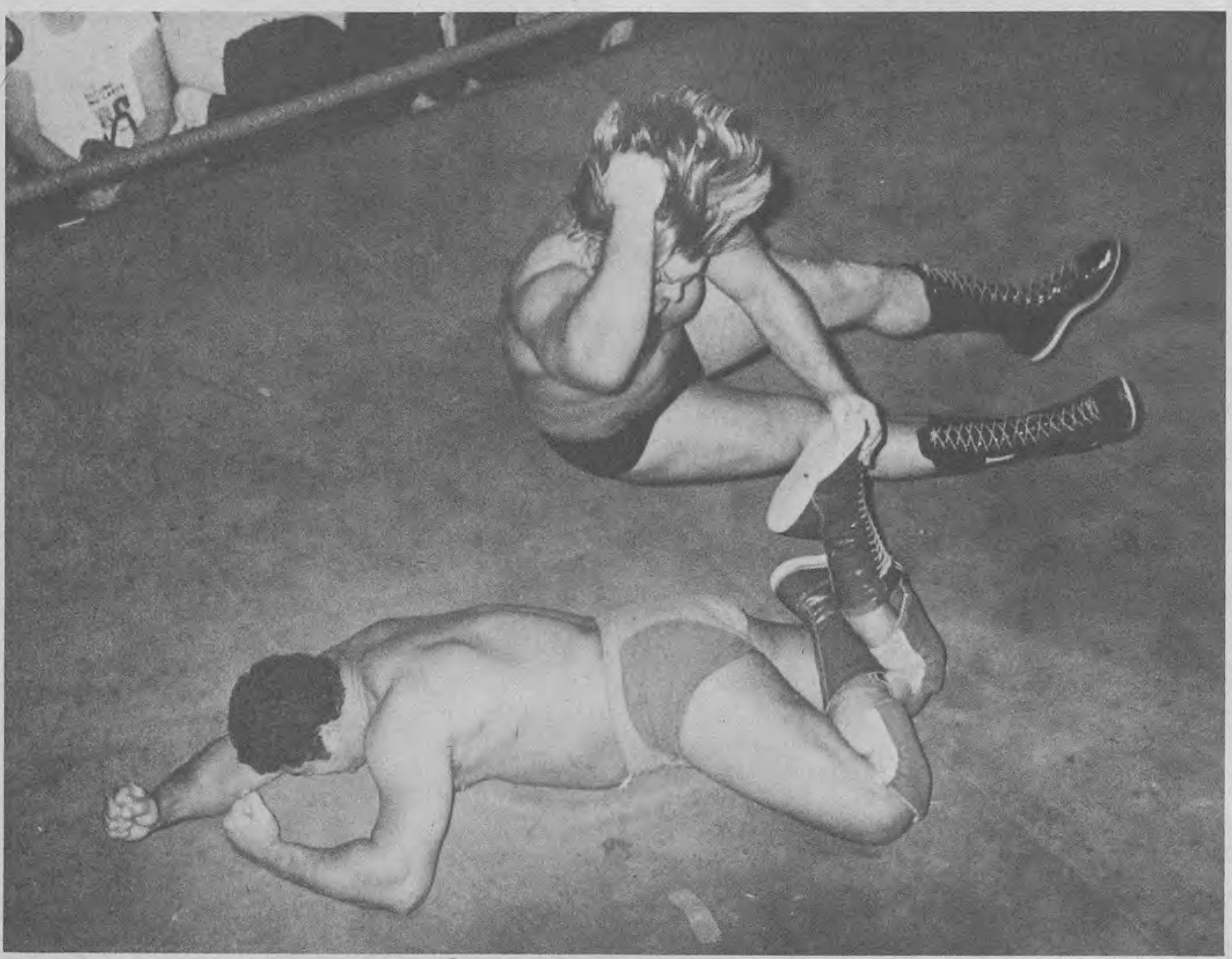
What would cause us to take such a bold claim? Why is one of the most enduring of champions labeled with the prospect of failure? Let's examine some of Morales' recent matches and analyze the development in his style.

Against Adrian Adonis, Morales exhibited a marked increase in a quality that some might label "enthusiasm," but which could well have been unrestrained brutality. Despite this factor, Morales tends to burn himself out early on in his matches. He usually winds up taking a tremendous beating from his opponent until he reaches the point where he is so angry that pure adrenaline takes over and physical strength doesn't even matter anymore.

Fortunately for Morales, he does have that added adrenaline push, because if he had to rely purely on his physical energy at



Pedro Morales struggles to free himself as Greg Valentine attempts to turn him over for a one-legged Boston crab. Rarely will Pedro assume an offensive position early in a match.



that late point in his matches, he would most definitely have lost the title already.

It's an interesting transition in Pedro's matches, that instant where the beating he has been taking from his opponent is outweighed by whatever emotions he harbors deep inside. The cause of that transition is complex.

It could be frustration: the frustration of not being able to muster an offensive position, the frustration of allowing himself to fall behind in contests with such men as Adrian Adonis or Greg Valentine.

It could be anger: anger not only at the fact that he has allowed himself to fall behind, but anger at his opponent for doing what he feels is humiliating to him, for keeping him, a world-renowned champion, at a defensive

An aerial view shows Valentine combining an elbowsmash with an overlapping toehold (above). Valentine's onslaught has Morales slipping out of the ring (below). Is his title slipping with him?

posture for so long.

It could be fear: fear that being in such a defensive position could cost him the match and potentially the title he has worked so hard to earn and to keep.

Most likely it is a combination of all three of these emotions—plus an uncountable number of factors that we can only guess at—that causes Morales to shift into overdrive after taking a tremendous beating and rally with enough drive to win his matches.

Against Greg Valentine, these very factors were evident. In all their matches, Morales would take an early lead, which would soon deteriorate. Morales would find himself suffering horrendous beatings at the hands of Valentine, and it often looked as if he were going to lose his belt.

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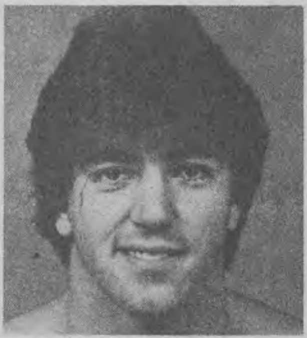
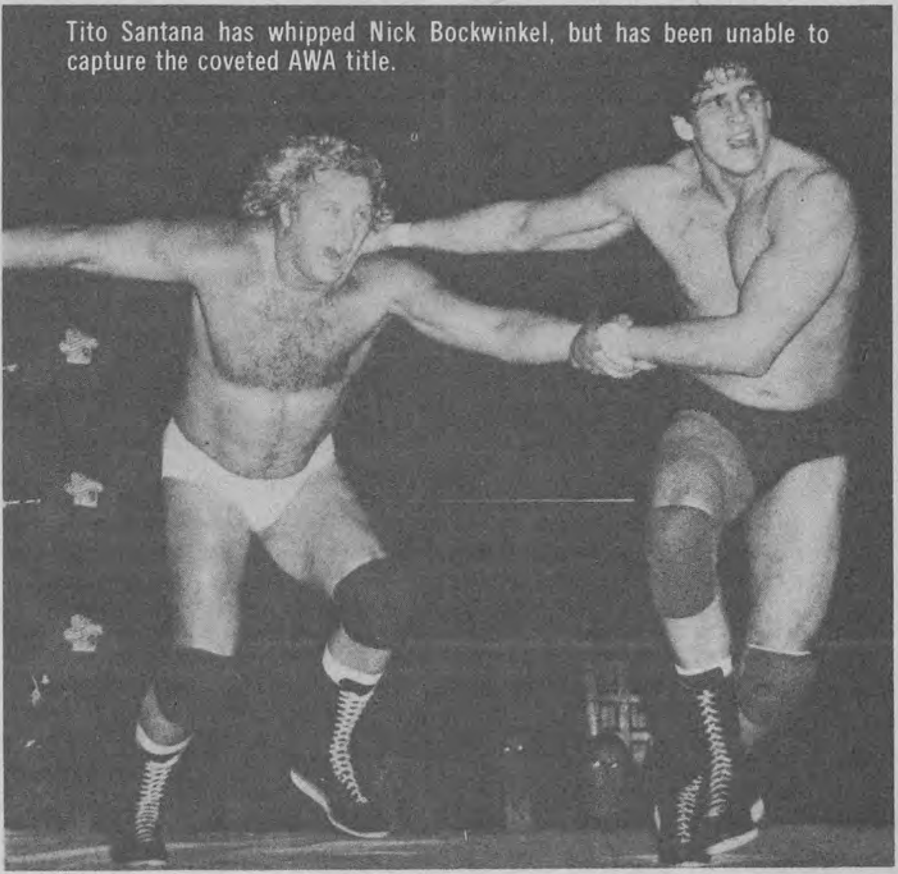
Tito Santana's Message To Rick Martel:



"YOU CAN BEAT BOCKWINKEL, BUT YOU'LL NEVER GET HIS TITLE"

PHOTOS BY LARRY BARNHIZER

By Tito Santana



Tito Santana has whipped Nick Bockwinkel, but has been unable to capture the coveted AWA title.

FIRST OF ALL, I want to thank the editors of *The Wrestler* for allowing me to use this space to voice my opinions. When I contacted Editor-in-Chief Peter King and told him about the fears I had when I heard about Rick Martel coming into the AWA, he was the one to suggest that I explain my position in my own words. I am grateful to Mr. King. With his help, it is my hope that Rick will see this piece, that his fans will see this piece, and that everyone will understand what he is up against.

What he's up against is not only Nick Bockwinkel and his manager, Bobby Heenan, but also an entire attitude within the AWA that continues to allow Heenan to run in and interfere in Bockwinkel's matches, and continues to allow Bockwinkel to cause himself to be

Tito Santana has faced AWA champion Nick Bockwinkel a number of times in the ring. This is why he feels it is necessary to warn his friend, Rick Martel, about what he may be up against should he decide to go after the title. It's a no-win situation, and there's nothing Martel can do about it

Bockwinkel secures Santana in a figure-four armlock from a standing position (below). Tito weakens the champion with a series of vicious stomps to the small of the back (right). Santana, a former co-holder of the WWF tag team title with Ivan Putski, had the physical ability to provide Bockwinkel with a tremendous battle.

disqualified during title matches in order to save his belt.

Look Rick, I know what you probably want to do. You left the WWF because you realized that you couldn't get a shot at the title there, particularly since you were tied up in a great many tag team matches. So you came to the AWA with every good intention of challenging Bockwinkel for the belt.

Listen to me, Rick: You can beat Bockwinkel, but you'll never get his title.

Bockwinkel is not a stupid man. He is extremely shifty. He knows the rules, down to the tiniest detail, and he knows how to use psychological warfare. Look what he did to Hulk Hogan. He had Hogan believing that there was a no-disqualification clause in their title match. Hogan defeated Bockwinkel by disqualification and naturally thought he had won the AWA belt.

Of course he didn't. In his enthusiasm, Hogan forgot that there is an AWA rule that steadfastly declares that there can be no waiver of the disqualification rule in a title match.

But look at the results: Hogan thought he had won the belt. Bockwinkel comes along and tells him, "No, Hulk, you don't have the title. Give me back the belt." Flanked by AWA commissioners, Bockwinkel strikes an imposing figure, and with their support, there is nothing that Hogan is able to do to argue the point.

Okay, so you think that Hogan could make a comeback in another title match? What kind of mental shape do you think he would be in? Always, in the back of his mind, would be the image of Bockwinkel and the AWA brass coming into his dressing room to take away the title he thought was his.

That's what I mean by psychological warfare, and in a battle between two evenly matched opponents, it can tip the scales in favor of the one man who utilizes it.

Look, I've wrestled Bockwinkel a couple of times, and in each match he is always up to something. Today it might be that he has manager Bobby Heenan run in when he's in trouble, tomorrow it might be that he intentionally gets counted out of the ring because you're getting dangerously close to securing a pin or submission.

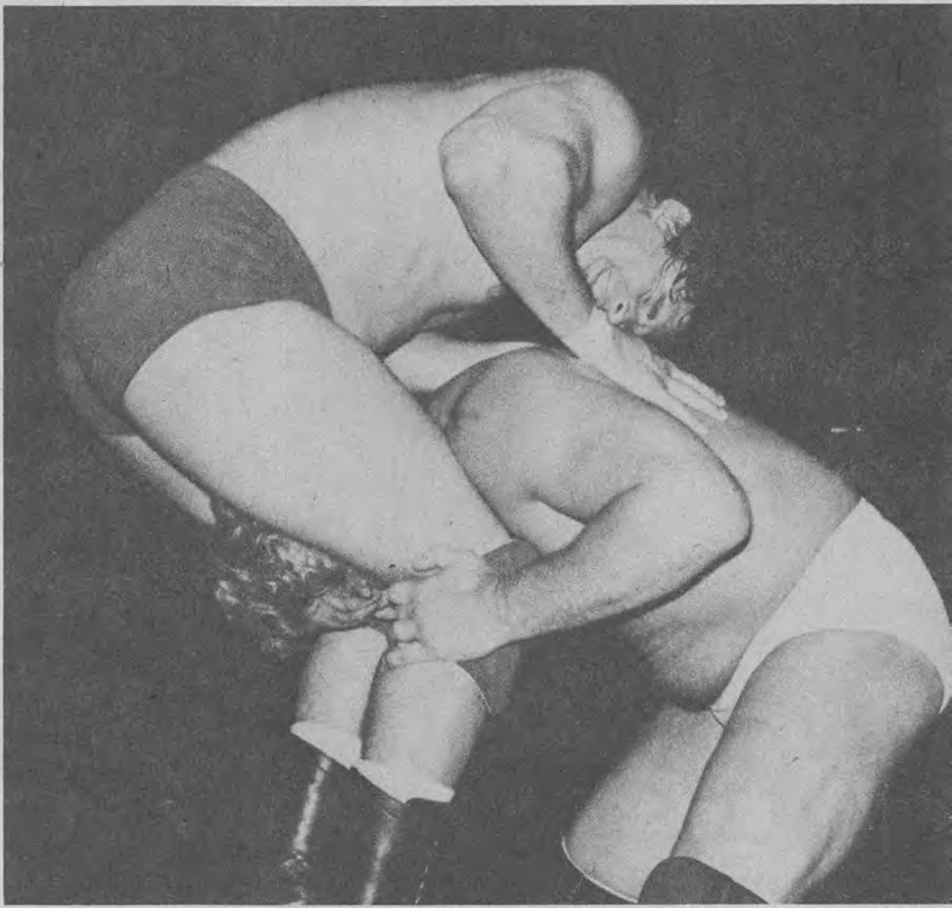
I'm not saying that you can't beat Nick Bockwinkel. In fact, I think that given a fair chance, you could probably defeat that scum easier than most people. The problem is, you'll never get that fair chance.

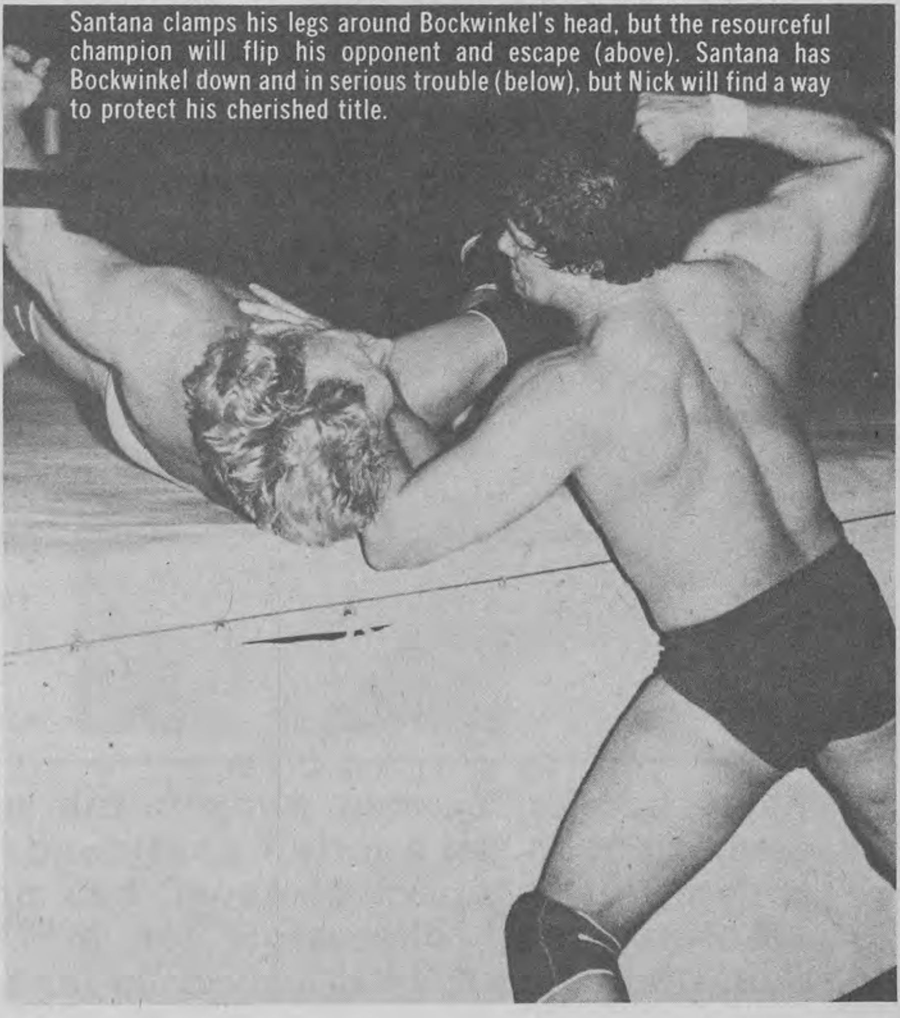
When I wrestled Bockwinkel recently, there was no question that I was in a position of superiority. I had the man beat, plain and simple. He was down, he was a mess, there is no doubt in my mind that I could have taken the belt.

I'm telling you, I won that match. Bockwinkel was taking a lot of punishment from me. He was exhausted and I was fresh. In any other match with any other opponent, I would have scored a clear victory.

Of course, something had to come along and screw things up, and that something was Bockwinkel himself. I raised my hands in victory, because the referee came and gave me the win. I assumed Bockwinkel had given up. But the win, the ref said, was because Bockwinkel had been disqualified. Talk about being robbed! Bockwinkel knows he is about to lose his title, so he commits an act that will bring an automatic disqualification. Losing a match means nothing to Bockwinkel, but losing his title is another story entirely.

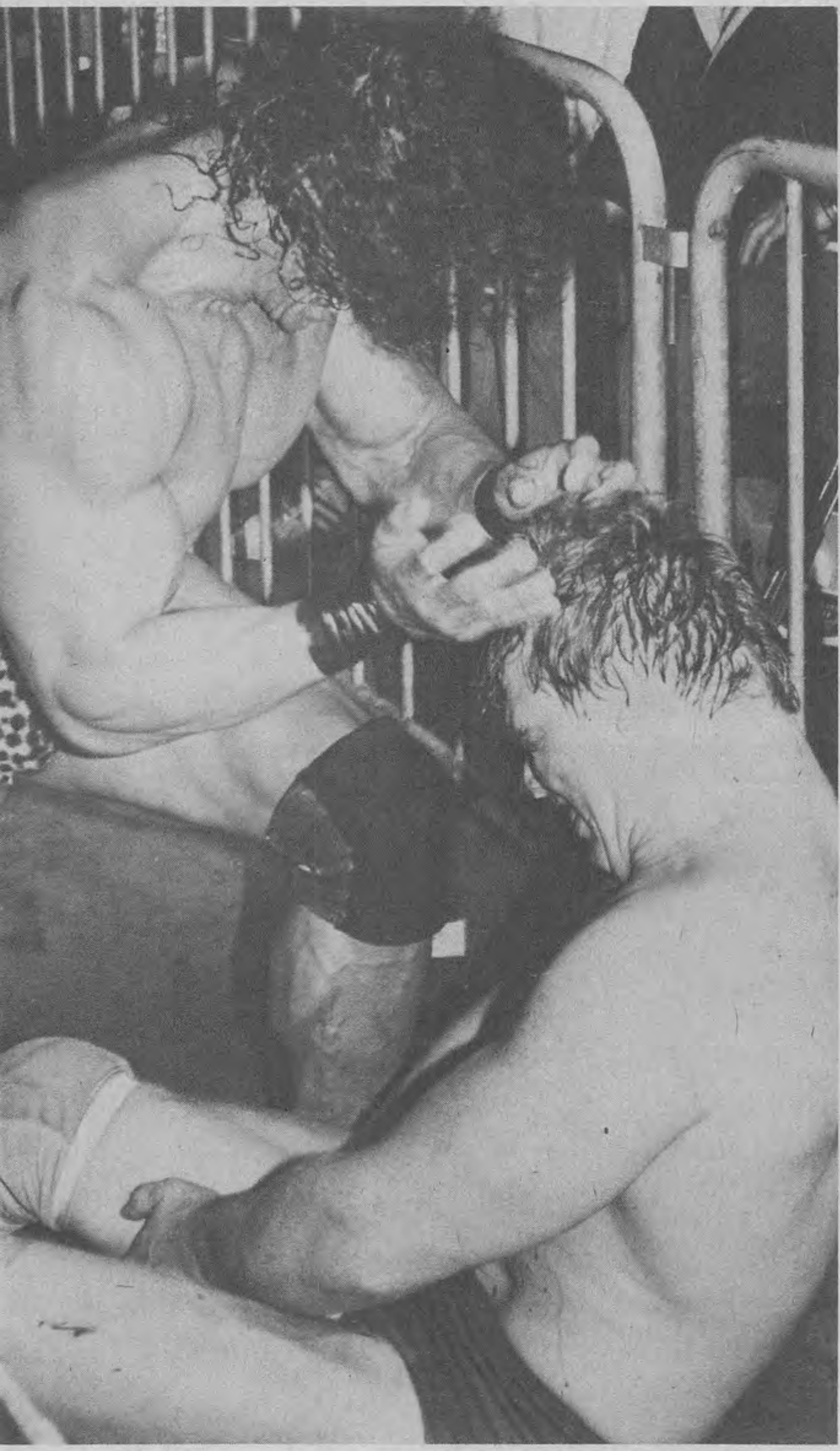
If you do go after Bockwinkel, be careful. You're in a no-win situation, and it might do more damage to your reputation and pride than Bockwinkel could do to your body. Think about that before you act. □





Santana clamps his legs around Bockwinkel's head, but the resourceful champion will flip his opponent and escape (above). Santana has Bockwinkel down and in serious trouble (below), but Nick will find a way to protect his cherished title.

WHY BOB BACKLUND CAN'T ESCAPE THE CURSE OF JIMMY SNUKA

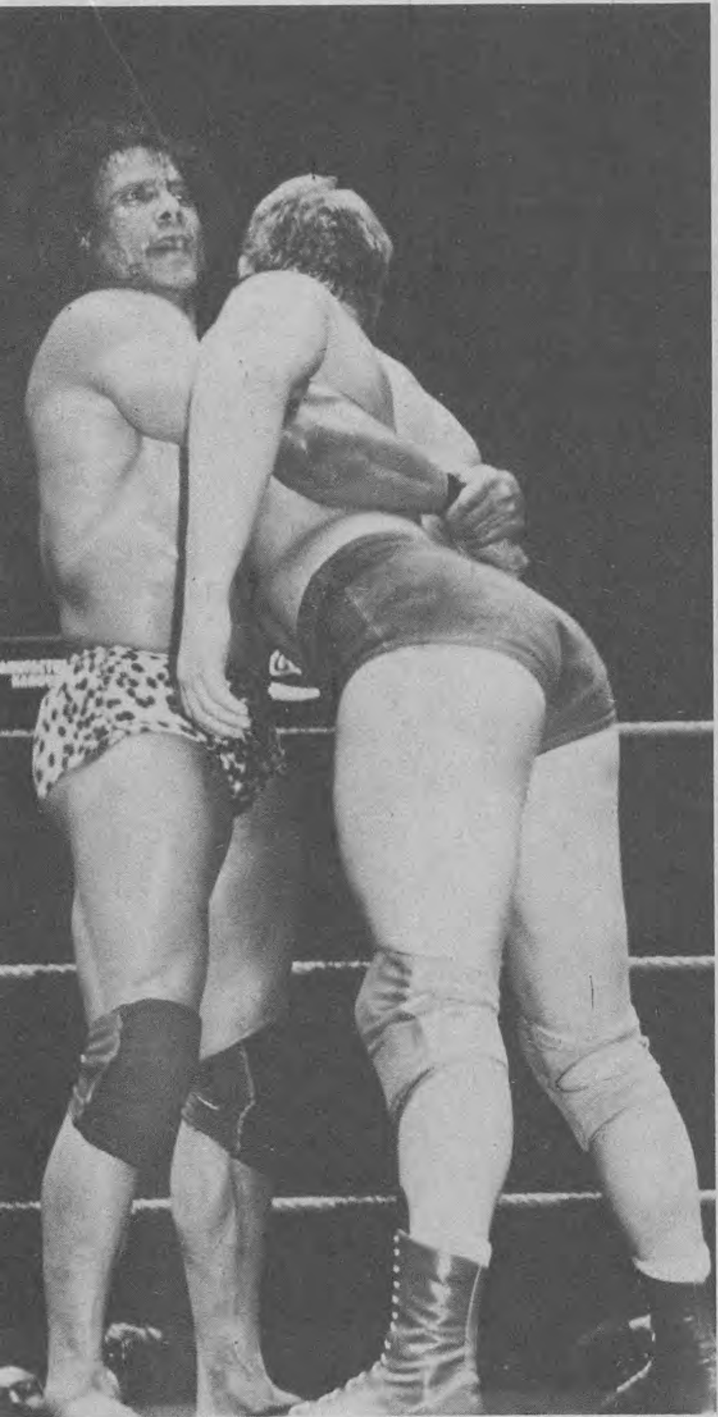


By Craig Peters

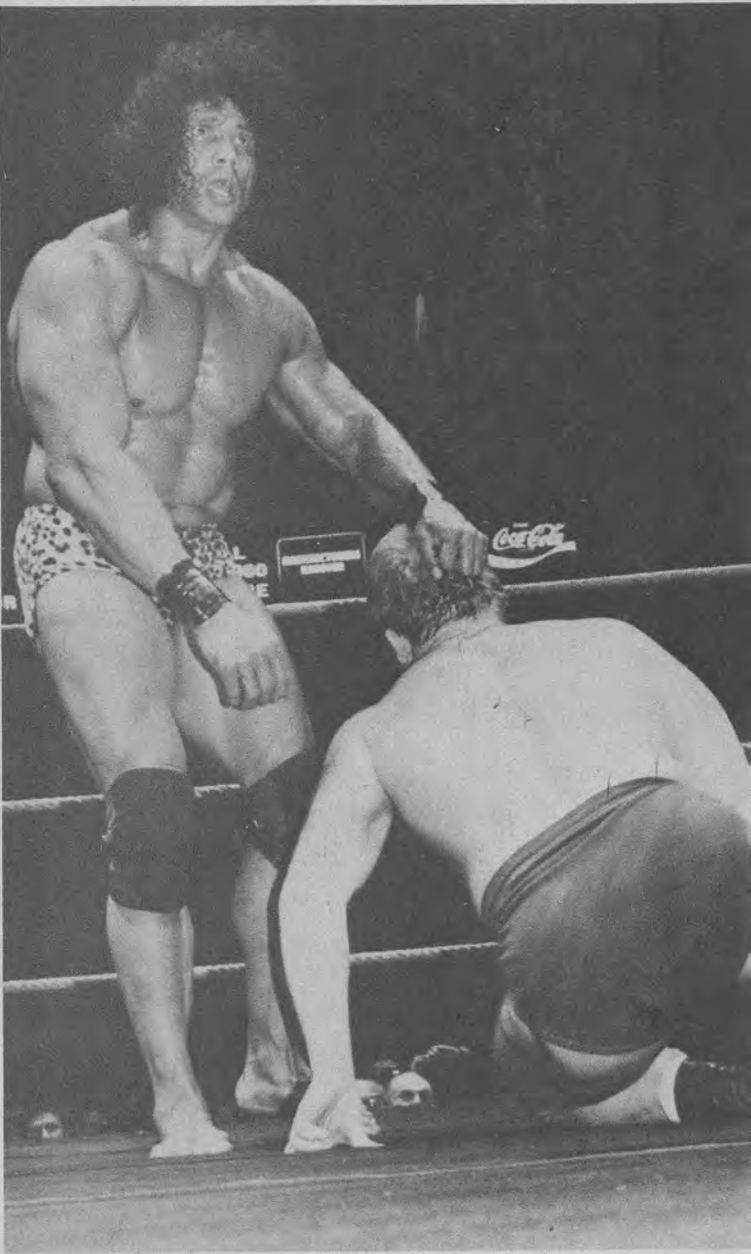
"Of course I'm worried."

—Bob Backlund

What had once been simply ink on a contract, the agreement to yet another challenge to one of the most coveted titles in all of sport, has now grown into an absolute, total obsession for WWF champion Bob Backlund. And the nightmare is far from over



After severely bruising Bob Backlund's ribs in their first encounter a month earlier, Snuka, as expected, goes after the champion's weakness (left). The "Superfly" appears to be stunned by the reaction of the 22,000 Madison Square Garden fans as he continues his assault on a weakened Backlund (below).



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WALKING DOWN THE street with Bob Backlund is usually a very pleasing experience. Young children often come up to him, pencil and scrap of paper in hand, and shyly ask for his autograph. Men and women walk up to him as if he has been their friend for years, shake his hand, and congratulate him on a job well done.

Sitting down to a meal in a restaurant, the waitress will frequently recognize Bob, strike up a conversation, and make the meal that much more pleasing.

In many ways like these, New York is Bob Backlund's city.

Not anymore. Not lately, anyway.

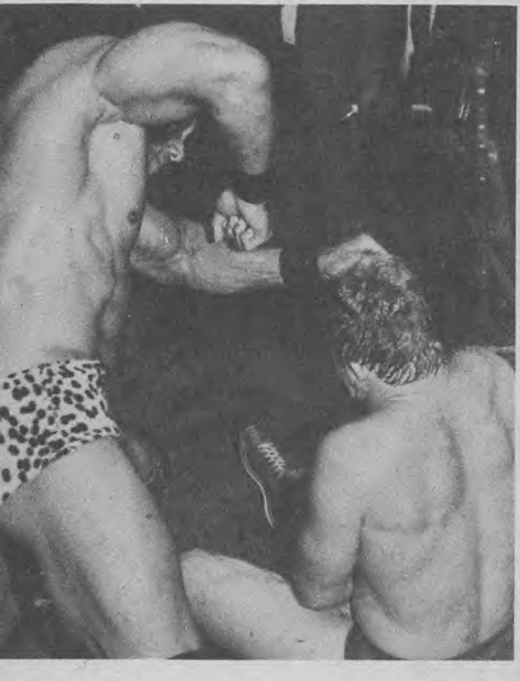
Walking down Second Avenue with Bob Backlund recently made me believe that anyplace *but* New York might have been his town. In stark contrast to the situations I described above, it was somewhat of a frightening experience.

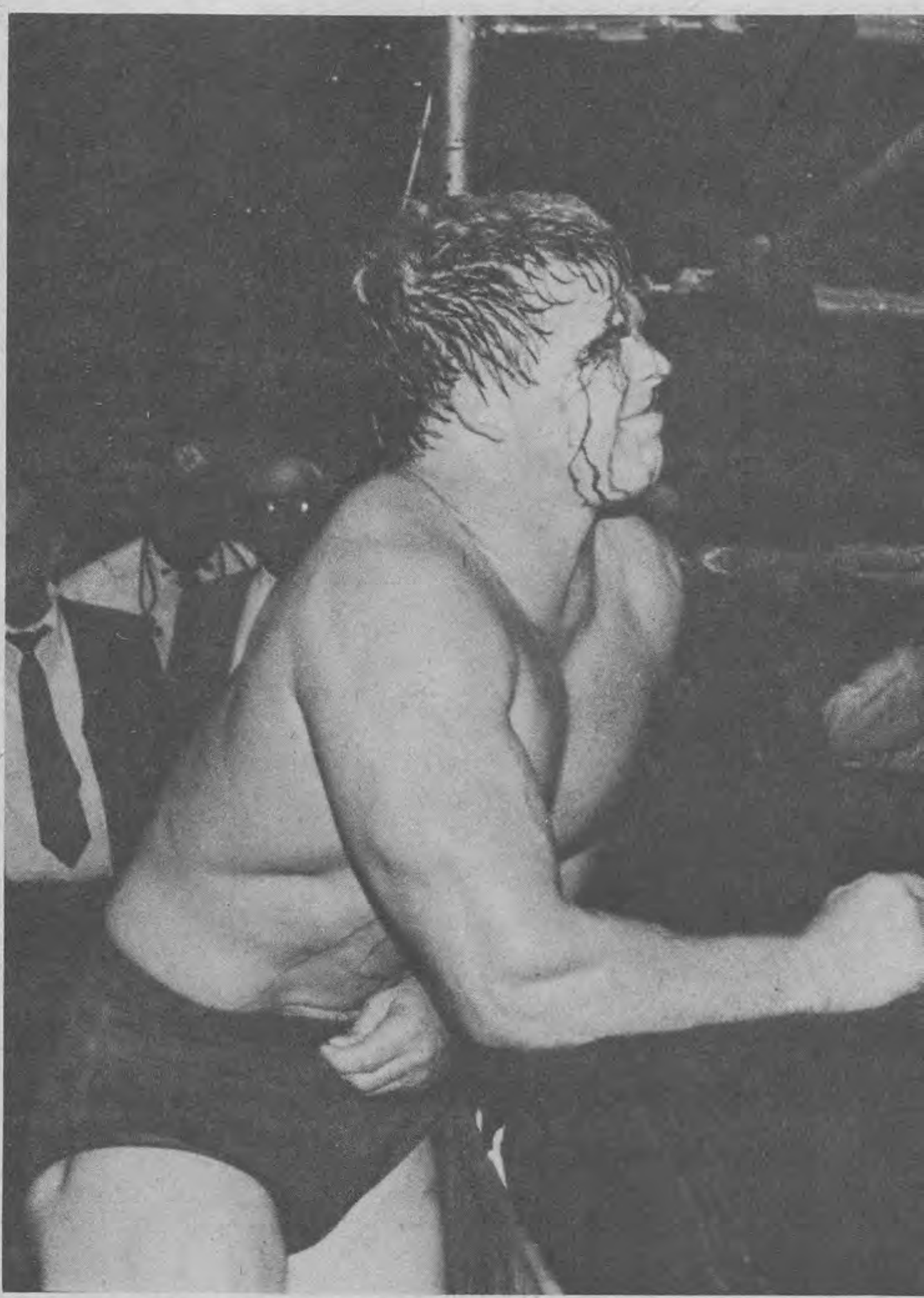
We were heading over to a favorite restaurant of Bob's when a group of six kids screamed at him from across the avenue.

"Hey! Howdy Doody!" they cried, as maniacal laughter punctuated every syllable. "Nice job you did with that Jimmy Snuka fella! Did'ja enjoy that ride out of the ring on the stretcher? How are your ribs doing, Bobby boy? See you in the cage!"

Backlund didn't say a word. He didn't even look across the street as the boys slapped each other on their backs, laughing all the way

If Snuka isn't vicious enough, the sight of human blood drives him to new extremes. Once Snuka sees the slightest opening in Backlund's skin, he pounds relentlessly into the wound (below), leaving a stream of red running down the champion's face (right).





down the block. No, Backlund didn't say a word, but their taunting laughs obviously disturbed him very deeply.

Three blocks later, an empty beer can plummeted from the sky and bounced on the sidewalk right at Backlund's feet. Another step and it would have hit him right in the head.

Pausing to look up and see who threw the can, Backlund saw a heavy man, obviously drunk, with a scraggly beard. He was doing a poor impression of Captain Lou Albano: "I'm telling you, Bobby, you're not gonna last two minutes in the cage with my man Snuka, if you thought your ribs were hurting last time, you just wait, boy you're gonna wish you were out cold and carried back to the hospital on a stretcher!"

Backlund didn't say a word, but he did do something I have never, in any situation whatsover, seen him do: He spit on the ground in disgust. Then he whispered, almost under his breath, "Let's get out of here and get something to eat."

Sitting down at a table in one of Bob's favorite restaurants, the WWF champion began to wring his hands in a combination of frustration and anticipation.

"You're killing yourself," I said to him, "you're really letting this situation get to you. It's not like you at all. You've got to pull yourself together if you want to turn back his challenge."

Backlund sat in silence, cracked his knuckles, and began to wring his hands again. Just then, the waitress came over to take our order and recognized the man who was sitting across from me staring into the infinite depths of a glass of ice water.

"Oh Bob, I'm so sorry," she said. "I heard what happened and I'm real sorry. I hope . . . well, forget it, I probably shouldn't have said anything anyway."

No, she shouldn't have. After the waitress took the order and disappeared into the kitchen, Backlund looked up and spoke in a voice that was ripe with exhaustion.

"It's everywhere, can't you see it?" he asked. I answered that I could, but that it's no reason for him to be so obviously depressed, so worried about his next match.

"Of course I'm worried," he replied. "The first time we met in the Garden I thought I was prepared. I went out on a stretcher, *for the first time ever!* Then he bloodied me up in our next meeting. I still have yet to score a decisive victory over the guy, and it's not something that people ignore, either.

"In a way, it's a curse," Backlund explained. "It seems that everywhere I go, people are reminding me about Snuka, Snuka, Snuka. I can't get away from him, no matter what I do. You saw it yourself today: kids on the street, drunks on fire escapes, waitresses, it's absolutely everywhere. I can't help but be obsessed with the whole thing."

I didn't know what to say. He was so worried about his match in the cage with Snuka that was coming up the following week that he couldn't even accept that a few idiots on the street don't reflect the opinions of a whole city. I explained that to him, but I don't think he heard. His mind was locked on one thing only, and it was draining every bit of confidence out of him. I began to worry about whether he could pull himself together soon enough to be able to face Snuka in the cage at full strength.

The waitress brought our lunch and Backlund ate his meal in silence. He didn't have to say a word. I knew exactly what he was thinking.

(Editor's Note: Details of the Backlund-Snuka Cage Match will be published in the November issue of PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED, on sale August 31.)

The first time Backlund wrestled Snuka he was carried out of the ring on a stretcher. The second time he was left bleeding and semiconscious outside the ring. Bob Backlund has every reason to worry about the upcoming Cage Match.

HAS DUSTY RHODES SMASHED SOME SENSE INTO DAVID VON ERICH?

David Von Erich had distressed many Florida fans and wrestlers, not to mention his own family, by choosing a path to fame that was something less than honorable. Dusty Rhodes offered David one last chance to reconsider. It was an opportunity that Von Erich did not take lightly

THE DRESSING ROOM area was silent as each wrestler had retired to the safety and silence of his own inner sanctum. The hallways were deserted, adding an eerie counterpoint to the anticipatory noise of the crowd assembled in the arena.

Now and then a lone officer passed by, making sure that no fans had broken through the strict security precautions to attempt to get to the wrestlers.

If one was able to get close enough to the dressing room doors themselves, one could hear various noises from behind those locked portals: assorted gruntings and groanings as each wrestler performed his own unique pre-match regimen of warm-up exercises.

Each man awaited the call from his manager or from an agent of the promoter, telling them that they were to enter the ring and do battle.

In the arena, within the

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Dusty

confines of the squared circle, two young rookies attempted to create for themselves a reputation. The fans were mixed in their attention, for most of them were there to see what would happen during the contest they had been waiting months for: Dusty Rhodes vs. David Von Erich.

Yet in the dressing room area, a drama was beginning to unfold that would far overshadow anything that was to happen in the ring later that evening.

As the security guard passed by Dusty Rhodes' dressing room, the lock on the door clicked and the man known as The American Dream stepped into the nearly deserted hallway. The guard turned and nodded at Rhodes, who said nothing but simply nodded back in assent.

Rhodes, ready for his match with Von Erich, was attired in only his wrestling trunks. Tiny beads of sweat dotted his forehead, the product of nearly a half-hour of strenuous calisthenics.

Dusty peered up and down the hallway, then called to the security guard. He spoke in a hushed tone, and the guard pointed down the hallway to a door. Dusty thanked him and walked to the door, knocking quietly.

It was David Von Erich's dressing room door.

Von Erich answered the knock, opening the door wide and closing it immediately upon seeing Dusty standing in the hallway. Von Erich's voice was heard through the closed door: "Look, Rhodes, if you're here to try some sort of sneak-attack before we get into that ring, forget it. I won't give you the satisfaction."

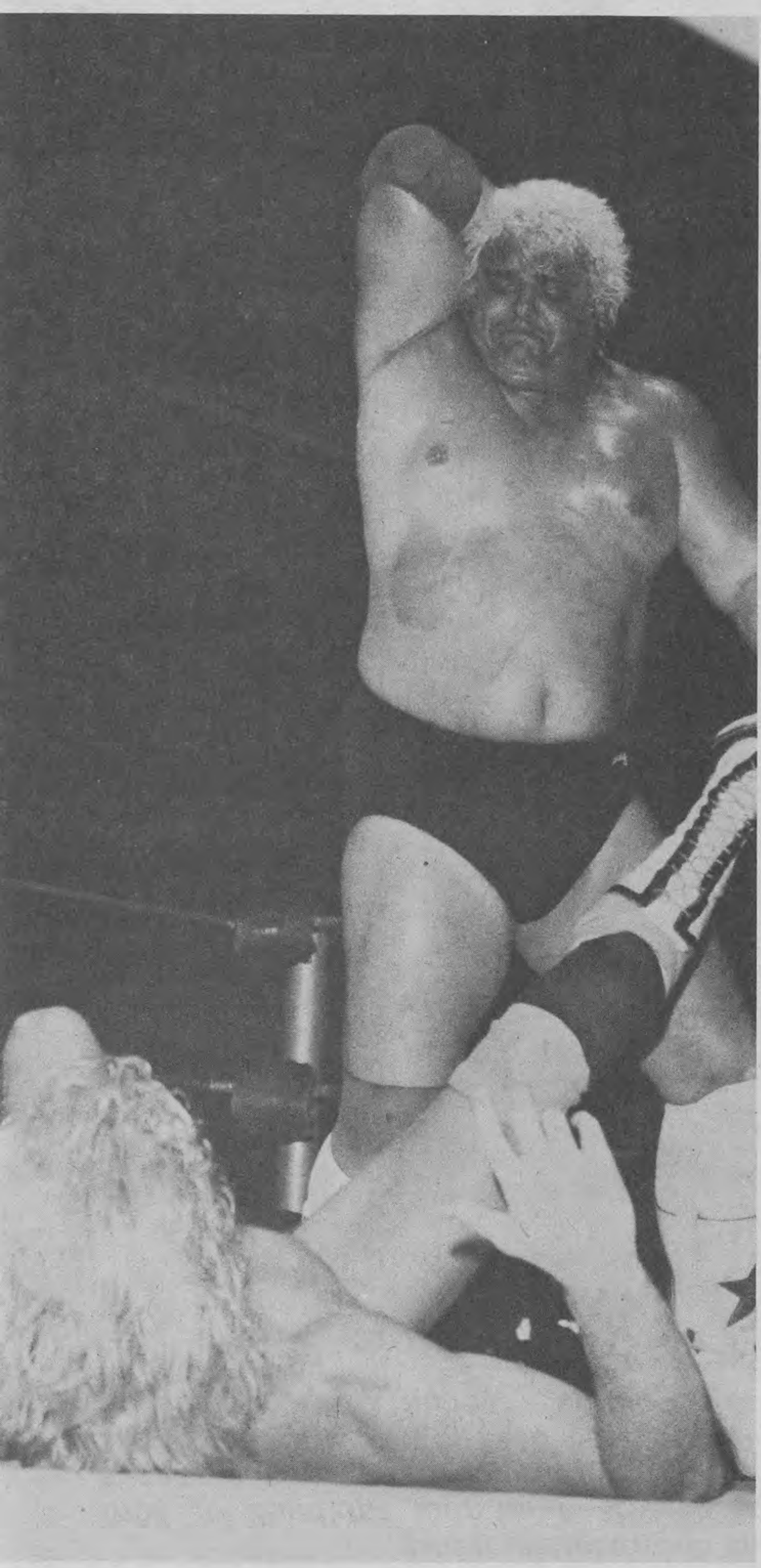
"I'm not interested in that kind of idiocy at all," answered Rhodes, "but I am interested in your future. I swear on the voice of Willie Nelson that I won't ambush you. Come into the hall, at least, I just want to tell you something."

Before the match, Rhodes explained to Von Erich that things would begin to get extremely tough for the young man if he did not refine his rulebreaking style. Above: Dusty applies excruciating pressure on Von Erich's left arm. Opposite right: Rhodes aims his elbow at David's exposed thigh.

David Von Erich opened the door slowly, still not trusting Rhodes, despite the fact that he had made perhaps the strongest oath he was capable of.

"What do you want?" snapped Von Erich, "Make it snappy, will you?"

"Listen to me, David, because like I just said, I'm only concerned about you."



"Talk, Rhodes."

"I've known your father for years," Dusty said, "and I've watched you and your brothers develop into fine wrestlers."

"So what?"

"So I've seen you throw away a lot of family pride and fan adulation for some quick glory," said Dusty. "A lot of people believed that you might change your mind soon, but up until now, you haven't. Everyone here in Florida has gone soft on you because we didn't want to hurt you in case you did decide to straighten yourself out."

"What do you mean, 'everyone'?" asked David.

"When I say everyone, I mean everyone you've faced in the ring. Mike Graham, Sweet Brown Sugar, Butch Reed, and more. But from tonight on, the gravy train is derailed. You're on your own, and I'm going to give you a taste here tonight of what a Florida rulebreaker should expect from his opponents. My guess is that you'll finally realize that the pleasure isn't worth the pain, and you'll find another, better, way of making a name for yourself."

"Are you just trying to scare me, Rhodes?"

"Not at all," said Dusty, "I'm just trying to make you understand what you're up against. Consider this a final chance to make amends. After tonight, though, you can expect a rough time in the ring."

Dusty left to return to his dressing room, leaving a very pensive David Von Erich behind.

When the time came for these two men to battle in the ring, Von Erich was tentative, unsure of himself, unable to muster together as much anger and ferociousness as in previous matches.

Dusty Rhodes was unrelenting, pounding Von Erich with everything he had. Rhodes had kept his word. □

• THE PIPER VOTE EXTENDED •

ONE MORE MONTH TO DECIDE HIS DESTINY

"THIS IS TOO important an issue to let slide, this is too vital, too significant, to allow people such a short time to consider all the alternatives and make the important decision. The right to vote is as American as motherhood and apple pie, and if you cut short the amount of time in the voting procedure, you're cutting short the rights of wrestling fans all across the country."

The words of Roddy Piper came across the telephone with characteristic abrasiveness. Annoying or not, the man had a valid point. In the magazine business, there is a lapse between production time and the time a magazine reaches the newsstands. In order to provide you with the results of the Piper fan ballot in this issue, we would have had to cut short the tallying of the votes. Indeed, as of this writing, literally hundreds of votes are pouring into the offices of *The Wrestler* each day. To disallow the voices of all these wrestling fans would be a

In a huge outpouring of opinion, wrestling fans all across the nation have responded to the question of whether Roddy Piper should be banned from broadcasting. The final results are not yet in, but here is a random sampling of your comments about this controversial figure

tremendous injustice.

What we can tell you is that up to this issue's deadline, voting has been 7-2 *against* Piper. Actual vote totals will be published in the November issue of *The Wrestler*, but we can at least provide you with a sampling of the opinions that have come flooding into these offices up to now.

We must stress that the results of this ballot will not have any sort of a binding effect on decisions made by the *Georgia Championship Wrestling* producers and staff, but that they are nevertheless watching the trends in the results very closely. After all, it is time the voice of the fans be heard. Any massive outpouring of fan opinion such as this can't be ignored by anyone . . . even Piper himself.

PRO PIPER

"The man's knowledge of his sport is very impressive. He's a professional, so why not punish him professionally for his interference? Heavy fines should do the trick. He is a good commentator."

—*Fred Chivas, Columbus, OH*

"I think Roddy Piper is the best, most voluptuous, smartest, and most handsome wrestler to come down the pike in a long, long time. Georgia wouldn't be the same without him."

—*Mary Thornton, Union, SC*

"Although I dislike Piper, I have to admit that he is an asset to the show. I do feel, though, that he should be warned about his interfering in matches. His physical attacks on other wrestlers are uncalled for. If they continue, perhaps then he should be banned."

—*Cindy Smith, Hanahan, SC*

"Roddy Piper is a terrific commentator! He adds character and has a way of saying something so that the fans can understand what is going on."

—*Deborah Hillard, Salisbury, NC*

"In my opinion, I don't think there should have even been a stupid ballot to have Roddy Piper banned from his job as commentator. Whoever made this damn thing up must have something wrong with his brain! If you think I'm going to vote 'yes,' you must be pretty damn stupid! I would do anything for Roddy, and right now he needs a 'no' vote and

When told that the early returns were running 4-1 calling for his dismissal as an announcer, Roddy Piper did not believe it. When we brought him a sampling of ballots as evidence, the result was a pretty messy dressing room.

Roddy Piper is not a great fan of our magazine. When Roddy caught the typographical error in the August 1982 issue of PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED in which we called him "Rodney," he stormed into our New York offices demanding a retraction. Now Piper lets the world know what he thinks of THE WRESTLER.

that's why I voted 'no.'"

—Monica Noeller, Vancouver, WA

"I feel Piper adds an extra dimension to *Georgia Championship Wrestling* due to his experience in the ring. I also want to add that *GCW* without Roddy Piper is like *Dallas* without J.R. Ewing."

—Greg Nofsker, New Castle, PA

"Roddy adds a special spice of life to the show. I look forward to him being on the program. I never knew how dull the show was until Roddy came on and livened things up. He's the best thing that happened to Georgia wrestling."

—Darlene Smith, Patton, PA

"Roddy is for himself, but he still complements the good moves of a Tommy Rich or a Brad Armstrong. If Rich were behind the microphone he would be knocking Piper for his tactics in the ring. Piper's comments are usually accurate and fair. If guys like Rich and Armstrong don't like the heat in the kitchen, let them stay away from the fire. Piper is full of fire!"

—Jess Stewart, S. Charleston, WV

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"If I had the money, I would put up a bounty for whoever could jack his jaws so he couldn't talk at all. I quit watching *GCW* because of *Rodney* Piper."

—Paul Elliott, Metropolis, IL

"Other kids my age watch Georgia wrestling, and Piper is not the kind of image kids should look up to. He is a disgrace to the sport of wrestling and to himself."

—Kristen Kittell, Portage, PA

"Get rid of him."

—Brad Bolyard, Spencer, IA

"I think Roddy Piper has a big mouth and can't back it up. That's all I have to say about the creep."

—Brad Clark, Marion, IL

"The both of us can't stand Piper, and we hope that he has a microphone shoved down his throat by someone . . . *anyone* . . . soon!"

—Dawn and Keith Follmar, Tallahassee, Fl

"*Rodney* Piper is definitely not an asset to *Georgia Championship Wrestling.* Since he has been appearing on *GCW* and making such an ass of himself, I no longer care about watching *GCW.* I believe that Tommy Rich tries to act similar to Piper, and I hope this does not happen, because with *Rodney*, Buzz Sawyer, and Gary Hart, I think *GCW* has all of the asinine imbeciles it needs for all time."

—John Quinlan, Pensacola, FL

"Yes, Piper should be banned and the job should be given to Steve O! Steve would do a much better job until he gets back to wrestling again!"

—Kathy Wilson, Keavy, KY

"The only time Piper needs to be seen on television is when he is in the ring. Gordon Solie is the best, and he doesn't need to babysit for a freak like Piper."

—Carl and Wanda Keenan, Dalhart, TX

"Roddy Piper should be banned from *GCW.* He is a self-centered egotistical slob."

Angie Kimbler, Chapmanville, WV

"I do want Piper banned from his broadcasting duties, but I enjoy watching him make a fool of himself."

Teri Bullard, Baldwinsville, NY □

BUZZ SAWYER'S DEMAND:

Buzz Sawyer is a man who thrives not only on victory, but on the adulation of the fans who come to see him wrestle. Yet the fans do not respect Sawyer the way they do Paul Orndorff, Tommy Rich, or other Georgia stars. It's a situation that Sawyer intends to soon change

PHOTOS BY EMMY YATES

"GIVE ME YOUR RESPECT!"

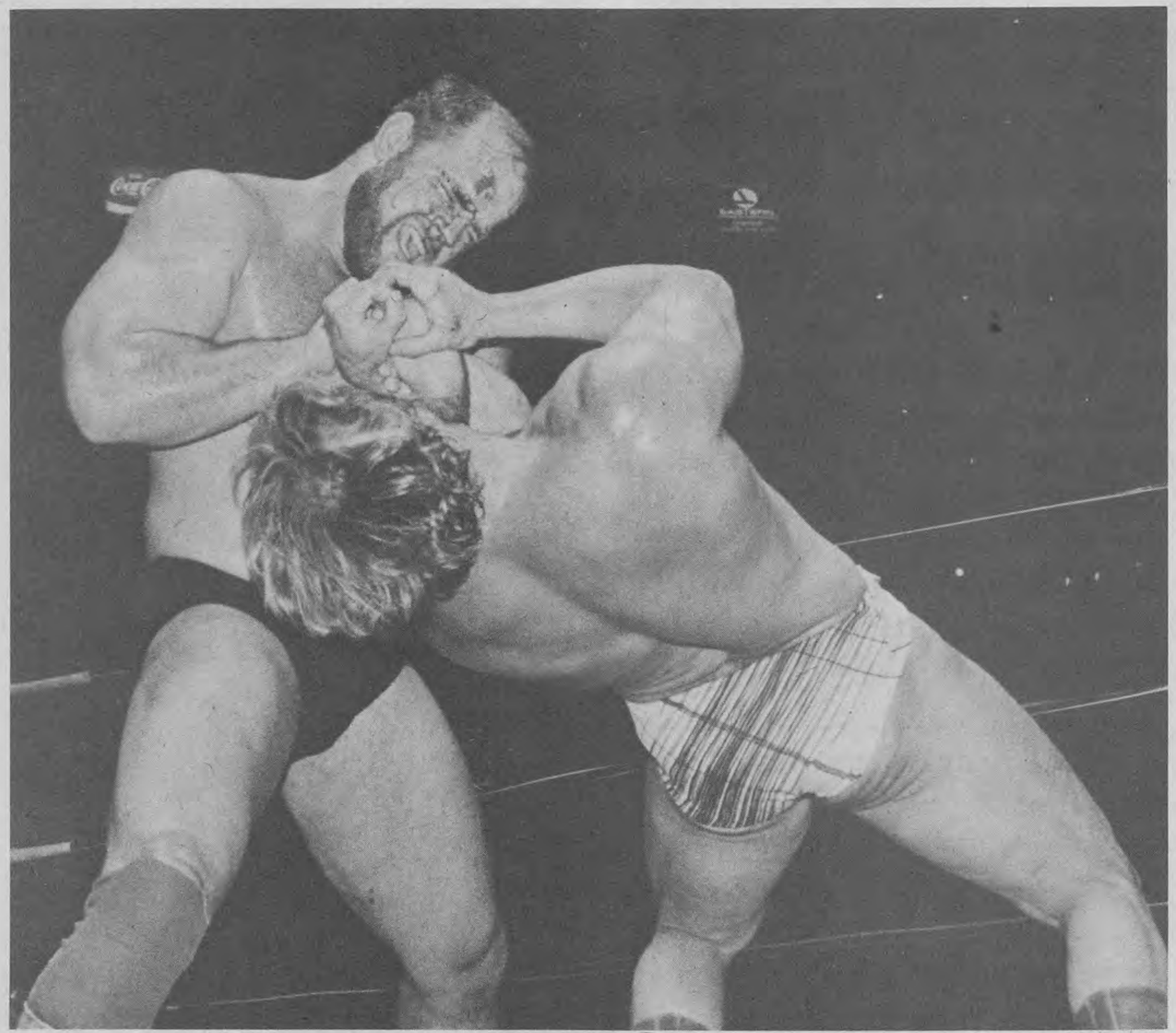
Sawyer shoves Sullivan over the railing separating the fans from the ring. If the former Georgia National champion is looking for respect, he probably won't find it with such a wrestling style.

THE OMNI IN Atlanta was sold out. Fans jammed the aisles closer to the ring to get a better look at the Georgia National champion, Tommy Rich.

In the ring, Wildfire was battling Buzz Sawyer. He whipped Sawyer into the ropes and prepared to clothesline him as he came charging back, but Sawyer altered his trajectory while still on the ropes and bounded towards Rich with an offensive maneuver that dropped Wildfire to the canvas.

The fans screamed for Rich to rise to his feet, but Sawyer had blood in his eyes and a title within reach. He attacked Wildfire with everything he had as the fans screamed and Rich saw the belt slipping away.

The next scene was out of complete chaos. Sawyer held



Blood seeping from an open wound on his forehead, Sawyer establishes his superiority in this test of strength. Sawyer must wrestle without the benefit of fan support.

the Georgia belt high in the air as a beaten Tommy Rich struggled to regain his breath. Thousands of fans in the Omni voiced their collective disapproval over the results of the match, but there was nothing they could do about it: Buzz Sawyer was the new Georgia National champion.

In a post-match interview, Sawyer was jubilant. "Finally, finally I will get the respect from the fans that I deserve, that I have deserved for so many years," he said. "Perhaps the fact that I am now champion will force the fans to give me their respect, because by destroying Tommy Rich I have earned every bit of adulation that they usually, and blindly, give to him!"

That scene took place on May 2, 1982. Less than two months later, on June 20, 1982, Sawyer lost the Georgia title to Paul Orndorff. And if that respect he craves wasn't found while he was champion, Sawyer must know how difficult it will be to find it as an ex-champion.

In a recent interview conducted in Georgia, following a match between Sawyer and Kevin Sullivan, Sawyer reiterated his plea for the fans' respect and spoke about his career following the loss of the National title.

"I'm beginning to get pretty damn sick and tired of some of the fans here in Georgia," said Sawyer. "I mean, I would love to take each one by the ears and smack their stupid heads against a wall and scream to them, 'Give me your respect!' but that's not practical. It would take me too much time and effort. Besides, some of these fans are so thick-skulled, they'll never let anything sink in.

"But you would think that by my winning the Georgia title the

fans would think of me as more than a two-bit rulebreaker," sneered an angry Sawyer. "I mean look: Paul Orndorff isn't half the wrestler I am, yet he gets the fans' respect. Pretty-boy Rich hasn't held the title for a long time, and the fans fall all over themselves in disgusting displays of adulation for that blond idiot.

"I mean, hey, what the hell do I have to do?" asked Sawyer. "I dethroned the great and wonderful Tommy Rich from the Georgia throne, I defended my title against some very rough men, some of the roughest in all of wrestling.

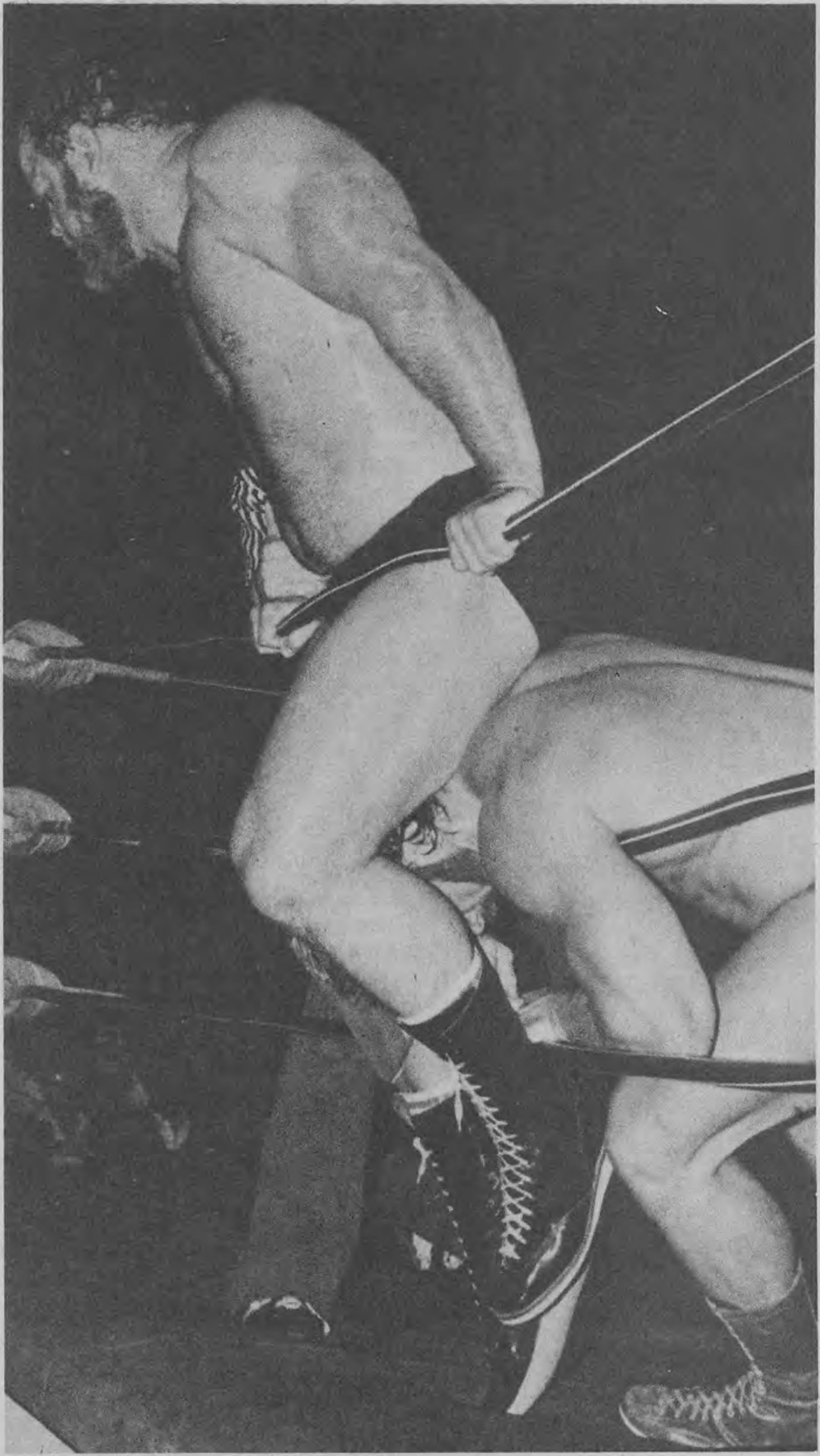
"Sure, I lost the title, but I didn't expect to keep it forever," admitted Sawyer. "After all, I'm young, my best years are still ahead of me, and I have to be realistic. There will be many more titles for me in the future, major titles, and longer title reigns.

"But in the ring I show force, I show power, and I show a willingness to go to any lengths to win my matches," he continued. "If the fans don't respect that, then I don't know what to do. My only conclusion is that they're all idiots."

What about the fact that the fans cheer for Kevin Sullivan, a man who Sawyer has faced in the ring a number of times, and a wrestler who is often compared to Buzz Sawyer in many ways?

"Ah, Sullivan is a wimp," said Saywer with condescension in every word. "He isn't wrestling up to nearly half of his potential, and it disturbs me. Sure, he's got a couple of good moves, but he's not much of a challenge in the ring. You saw that tonight, I'm sure, and it really surprises me that again, just like Tommy Rich, the fans continue to go ape over the clown. I just don't understand them sometimes."

Sawyer struck a pensive pose and remained silent for a few minutes. Then he looked as if he had reached a major decision.



Sawyer is known for his imaginative rulebreaking tactics. He is extremely good at what he does, but that doesn't mean the fans have to respect him for what he does.

"Maybe what they need is more proof," he said thoughtfully. "Maybe what the fans want to see is a two-time champion. All right, if that's what they want, that's what they'll get. Just give me a few months, and watch my smoke."

Sawyer then strutted into the showers, confident that the fans' respect was only a pinfall away. □

Beyond the Squared Circle

The American Gothic: Chief Jay Strongbow and his wife Mary on their Georgia farm.

Jerry Lawler, Dusty Rhodes, and Brian Blair participated in a charity softball game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Arnold Skoaland, manager of WWF champ Bob Backlund, shares his cigar with a pretty fan.

Verne Gagne has his photo snapped with friend (and look-alike) TV personality Joe Garagiola. Joe's currently a baseball announcer.

Gorilla Monsoon made an appearance in Atlantic City to draw a raffle for this beautiful DeLorean. The former wrestling great clowns with Resorts International slot manager Vince Giovinetti.

Ted DiBiase, a potential NWA champion, and six-time champ Lou Thesz are in good spirits. Thesz knew Ted's dad, Iron Mike DiBiase, very well.

Popular Ricky Romero is besieged by fans as he tries to get to the entrance of the Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum.

Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka and Stan Hansen traveled together on a recent tour of Japan.

Captain Lou Albano discusses his favorite subject—food—with a chef at the Meadowlands Arena restaurant. Guess what style food Albano enjoys most.

The always-dapper Ric Flair will remain in his expensive suit until minutes before an NWA title defense.

Brad Rheingans and Hulk Hogan dine together in Omaha, Nebraska. Hopefully, Rheingans will not have to split the check with the 320-pound Hogan.

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Adrian Adonis has made it quite clear that he is very capable of wrestling as a solo. Bob Backlund certainly won't disagree (above). NWA champion Ric Flair only hears the cheers of Mid-Atlantic fans when he wrestles such men as Ivan Koloff (below).

No longer enemies, Mike Graham is teaming with David Von Erich in Florida. Since David split with Dory Funk Jr., the Florida scientific wrestling clan has opened its arms to David, who promises to run both Dory and Terry Funk out of the state.

Now that they have been apart for a few months, Adrian Adonis feels he does not have to lean on the reputation he made as a partner with Jesse Ventura. "I have proven that I am a great individual wrestler," Adonis said. "I have sold out the biggest arenas in the world. I don't need anyone. If Jesse and I get together again, fine. But I can get along perfectly well by myself."

The Alabama Chain Gang, two unidentified masked rowdies, are the newest members of J.J. Dillon's stable in Florida . . . NWA champion Ric Flair, formerly one of the most popular wrestlers in the Mid-Atlantic, is no longer defending his title against the area's rulebreakers. While still maintaining a small amount of loyal supporters, Flair has received heavy criticism for the tactics he has employed against favorites Jay Youngblood and Jake Roberts.

Steve O is back in action, this time as a referee. His wrist injury, still not completely healed, is preventing his active return . . . Buddy Rose has demanded to have the name "Playboy" included in our "Official Ratings." While we were at first reluctant to accommodate him, Rose presented

us with a document stating that "Playboy" has been made a legal part of his name.

Because of his excellent showing in their last match in Texas, young Rick Morton is being given

another shot at AWA champion Nick Bockwinkel. Their initial match, a one-hour draw, prompted Bockwinkel to call Morton, "a very underrated and talented contender."

Dusty Rhodes and Harley Race a team? Yessiree! The two are scheduled to wrestle in Miami against Dory Funk Jr. and Terry Funk. Why did these well known enemies agree to team?

"I needed a partner who hated the Funks as much as I do, and that man is Harley Race," said Dusty. "I also know what Race can do, and he has a style that complements mine perfectly. I know it will work. We have been through a thousand battles against each other and I can think of no tougher man I would want to have at my side against those Funk punks!"

Race concurred. "I do not particularly like Rhodes, but we have a common goal—the destruction of the Funks. I would team with Hitler to get at those two."

That's all for now. See you at the matches! □

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now. He's a great wrestler, and I would be proud to meet him in the ring, but setting up my schedule is something I leave to my manager, Arnold Skoaland."

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Q: My question is for Hulk Hogan: How did it feel to be AWA champion for 20 minutes?"—Victor Germain, North Bellmore, NY

A: "That's the problem, Victor, it was only for 20 minutes," answered Hogan. "By all rights, I should be the AWA champion right now. When I held that belt high in the air, I felt as proud as anything, but when Bockwinkel and the officials came back into my dressing room and took it away from me, my heart sank like a rock. I'll get my revenge, though, you can believe it."

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Q: "Could you please ask Adrian Adonis how he came to develop with such perfection and skill his 'Goodnight Irene' sleeperhold? No one could possibly match his style in this area. Also, how long does he figure it will be until he gets a fair shake at Howdy Doody Backlund's title?"—Lisa Johnson, Saddle Brook, NJ

A: "Lisa, you are obviously a very perceptive and educated person," Adonis replied. "You're absolutely right: There isn't another wrestler on the face of the planet who can match my skill with the sleeperhold. How I came to perfect it is a private secret, but I will say that it took practice . . . lots and lots of practice, and there are a lot of unfortunate victims out there who know exactly what I mean. As far as Backlund goes, I have no idea when I will get a fair shake. After all, you can't make a leopard change his spots, and I can't make Backlund give me a fair shot at the belt. If he wants to continue to be a coward and run scared from me, that's his own business. It only proves to the world how afraid of me he is." ☐

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CORRESPONDENT REPORTS

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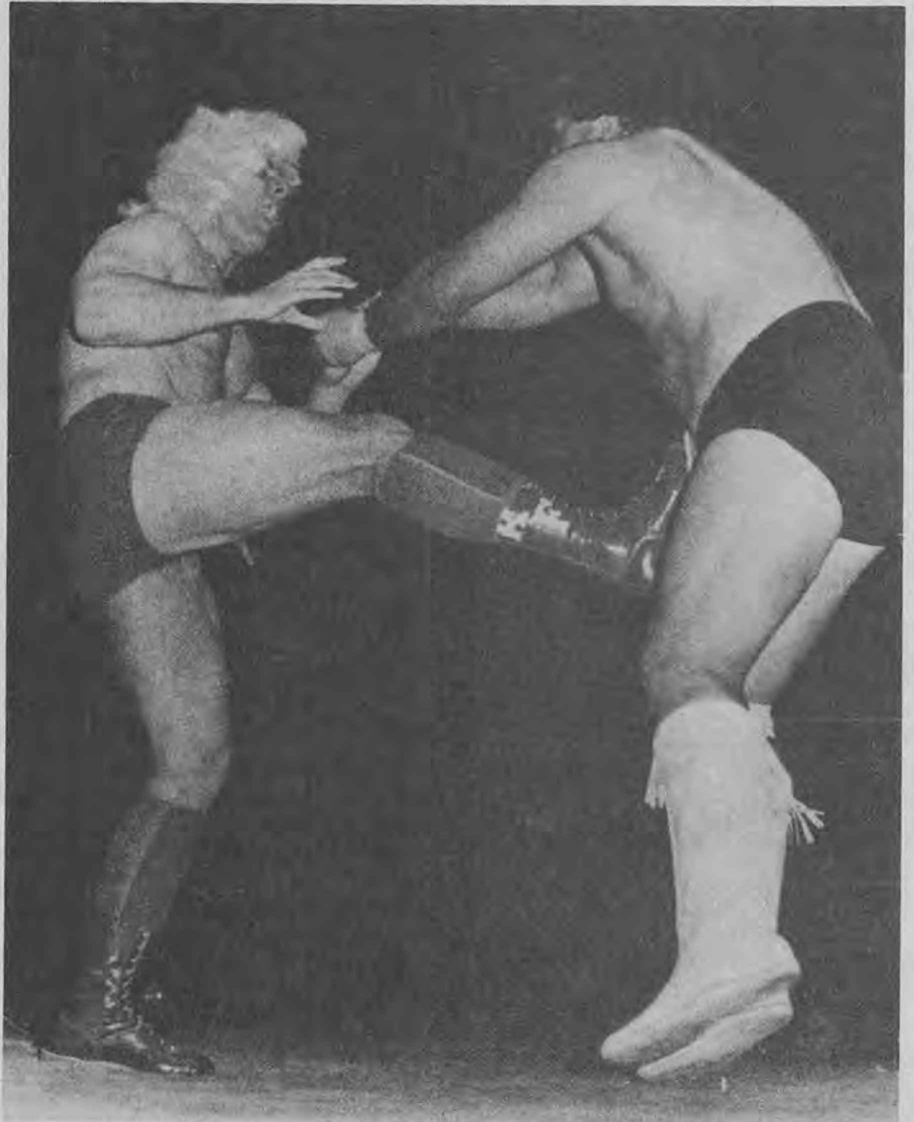
defeated Rocky Stone . . . Sheik Adnan Al-Kaissie defeated Baron Von Raschke . . . Buck Zumhofe lost to Sgt. Jacques Goulet.

ROANOKE, VA—*Correspondent:* Kenneth Sutphin—It was a great night of wrestling at the Civic Center as Ric Flair defended his NWA belt against Chief Wahoo McDaniel. After a few minutes, Wahoo had been bloodied up by Flair, but he came back valiantly, sending Flair reeling to the canvas with a series of chops. Flair caught Wahoo in a sleeper. Wahoo broke the hold, reversed, and caught the champion in a sleeper of his own. The match came to an end when Flair had Wahoo covered for the three count while, unnoticed by the referee, Wahoo's foot was on the ropes.

In other bouts, Jack Brisco defeated King Kong Mosca . . . Pvts. Kernodle and Nelson lost to Paul Jones and Johnny Weaver.

PITTSBURGH, PA—*Correspondent:* Edward Werner—The main event was an awesome contest between WWF champion Bob Backlund and Blackjack Mulligan in a Barns Bunkhouse Match. Blackjack brought a club



NWA champion Ric Flair connects with a groin kick against challenger Wahoo McDaniel. Flair retained his title with an illegal pin.

with spikes on the end of it into the ring. As the match started, both Backlund and Mulligan used their fists on each other, but the brutal war soon escalated as Mulligan started choking Backlund with his club. Backlund fell out of the ring and Mulligan hit him in the head several times with a chair. Both men managed to crawl back into the ring, where Mulligan grabbed the championship belt with intentions of beating Bob with it. Backlund flipped Mulligan, however, and used the belt on him. The match was stopped because of excessive bleeding on the part of Mulligan.

In other bouts, Ivan Putski defeated Greg Valentine . . . S.D. Jones lost his match against Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka . . . Tony Atlas defeated Adrian Adonis.

MARIETTA, GA—*Correspondent:* **Jack Krull**—The main event was a match between Buzz Sawyer and Tommy Rich, a pair of former Georgia National champions with a lot of bad blood between them. Sawyer attempted to wear down Wildfire with scientific moves early on in the contest, but Rich had one major advantage: the cast that was still on his arm as a result of a brutal attack by Roddy Piper just a few weeks earlier. Every time Sawyer would come close to gaining an advantage in this match, Wildfire would attack with the cast and send Sawyer to the canvas in pain. Finally, Sawyer had Rich pinned, but Paul Orndorff ran into the ring and knocked down the referee before he could complete the three-count. As Orndorff slugged Sawyer, the referee disqualified Tommy Rich.

In other bouts, Bob Armstrong and Mr. Wrestling II defeated Super Destroyer and Masked Superstar by disqualification . . . Ole Anderson lost his match against Terry Gordy . . . Paul Orndorff beat Chick Donovan . . . Brad Armstrong defeated Tom Pritchard. ☐

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Pedro Morales

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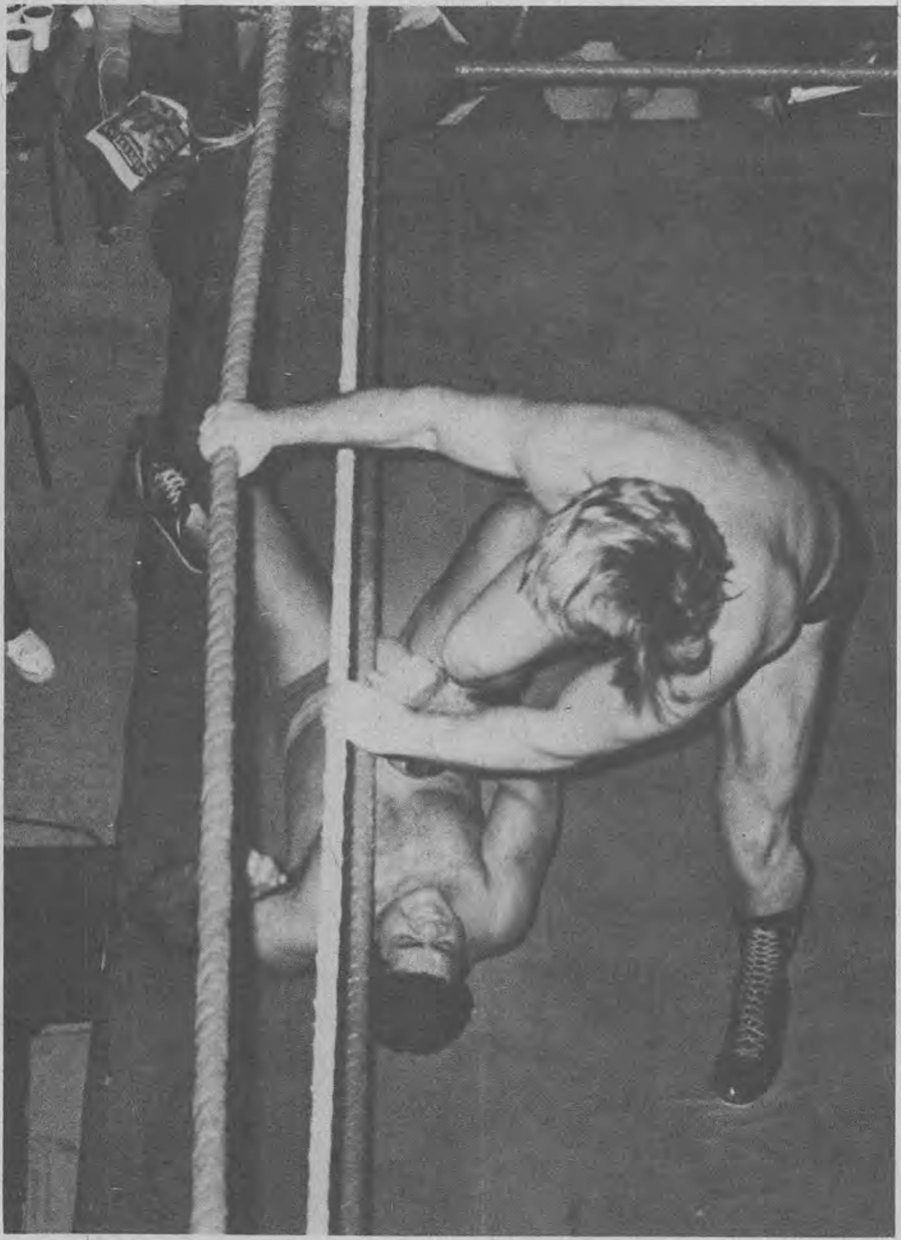

Morales lay helplessly under the ropes as Valentine stomps relentlessly (above). Pedro collapses from the force of a knee to the solar plexus (left).

Surprisingly, stunningly, Morales would reach that point of no return. Suddenly he would explode into a frenzy of lightning-fast limbs, and the threat to Morales' title reign that had loomed so large just seconds ago would be no more.

This would be fine if Morales could continue to perform in this manner indefinitely, but we don't believe that he can. A round table discussion in which

the editorial staff of *The Wrestler* voiced their opinions and analyses of Morales' style came to one single conclusion: Sooner or later, Morales will reach this point of no return, and he will be unable to muster together the instant adrenaline, the complete anger, the fury out of nowhere that has saved him in so many matches and title challenges over the past months.

When that happens, he will lose the title. It's not a pleasant thought, but we feel is a realistic one.

Our recommendation? Morales ought to take a long hard look at his ring style,

Morales will reverse Valentine's attempted turnbuckle whip and begin an incredible comeback.

analyze what he does and why he continues to take such brutal beatings. Then he ought to take positive steps to alter his style and pace himself better during his matches. Perhaps a complete overhaul in his style, a style which his opponents have apparently grown accustomed to and are able to penetrate, might take those same opponents by surprise and allow Morales to score some more decisive victories in his title defenses.

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THUMBS DOWN to The Grand Wizard: This colorful but despicable manager has mustered together all of his forces, financial and political, to fight a ban on the superplex hold so often used by his charge, Cowboy Bob Orton. This is a killer hold which should be banned, and the Wizard is inhuman to attempt to block such a ban. ☐

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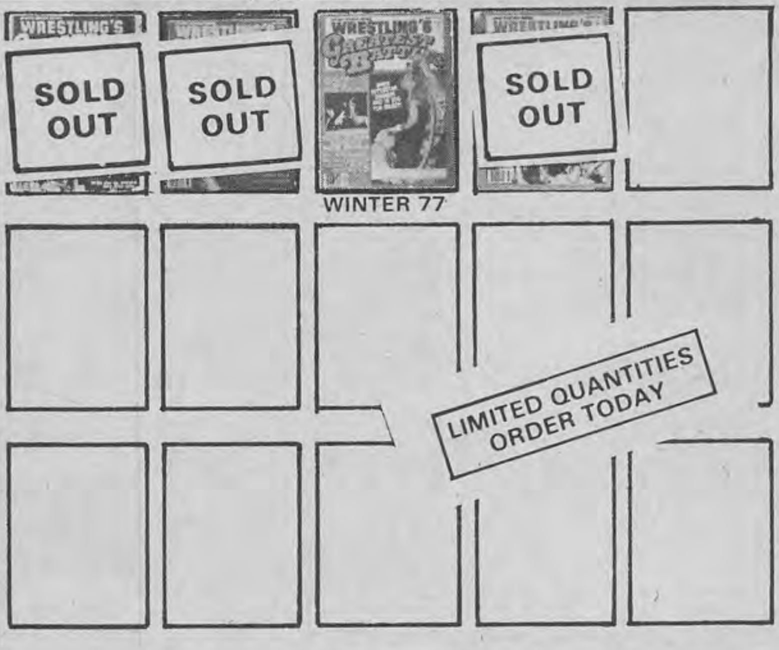

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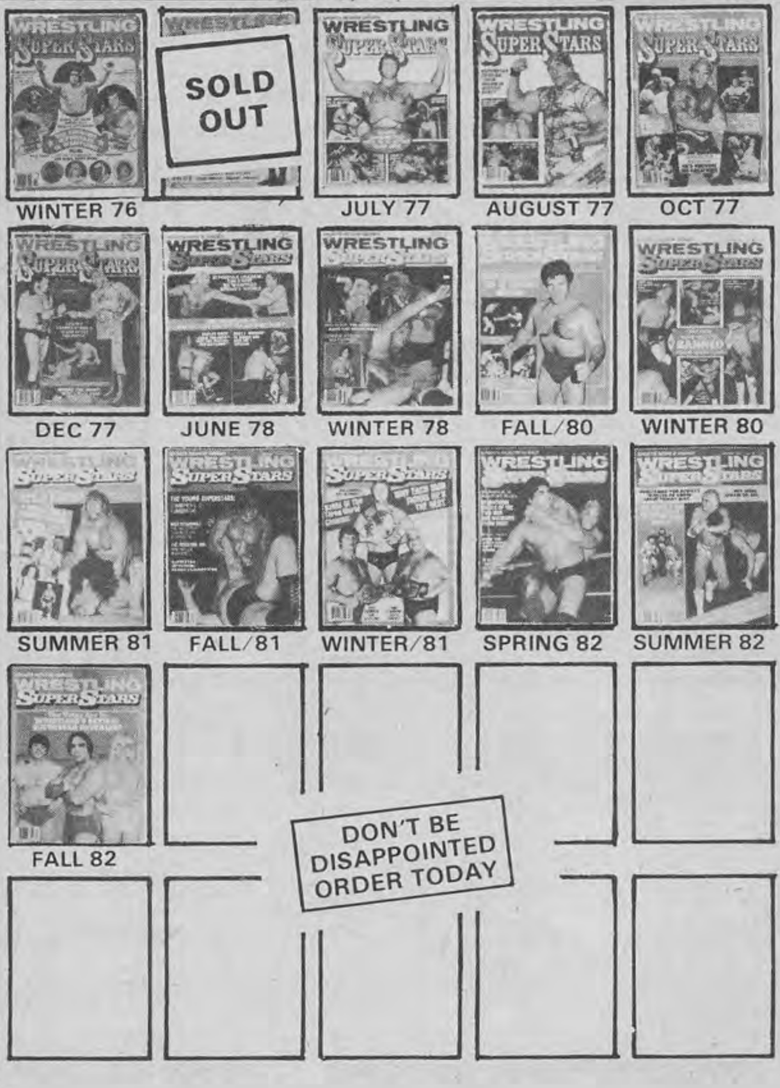

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Q&A

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Muraco is hardly a stranger to veteran Georgia fans. Wrestling as a fan favorite, Muraco won the state title from Harley Race five years ago (above). Muraco left the WWF after losing the Intercontinental belt to Pedro Morales last year (opposite page).

you think that you will finally tilt the balance of power in favor of Piper?

A: My friend, the balance of power is not only tilted, it's completely fallen over in favor of Piper, in favor of myself. The odds are completely out of hand, and I just don't know how a Tommy Rich or a Bob Armstrong can hope to even come close to matching our incredible power combination. They must be complete idiots.

Q: What do you personally think about Tommy Rich or Brad Armstrong, since you mentioned them?

A: Not much. Actually, I couldn't care less about anything that is going on in Georgia, except for the fact that I admire Piper, I like his style, I think he's a brilliant man, and he also pays very well.

Q: So you're a mercenary, a hired assassin if you will, paid to break arms and crush opponents.

A: You make it sound so ugly. Okay, if you want to call me a mercenary, go ahead. I don't like to look at it that way, but then I'm sure we both don't think alike in other ways, either. Yes, I'm hired by Piper, and I'm paid very well. Hell, Piper isn't ashamed of that, I'm not ashamed of that, and I don't think either of us has any reasons to be. You no doubt saw Roddy pay me a fee right on television in front of millions of people nationwide. I look at a mercenary as a guy who

works undercover, a man that nobody can tell who he's working for or connected with. Me, I work out in the open. I have no bones to pick with anyone, and I don't try to trick anyone. I don't think that's necessarily mercenary, but if you want to plaster that label on me, go ahead.

Q: One final question: Do you have any desire to return to the WWF someday and regain the Intercontinental title once more?

A: **Well, I have to say that to see that greaseball Pedro Morales still holding the belt makes me mad as hell, because he's done nothing to deserve it and still less to maintain the title, but I can't really say right now. I don't have any plans to go back to the WWF, mainly because I'm obviously tied up with other business right now, but you never can tell. Someday I may go back there and prove to Pedro what every right thinking fan suspects anyway . . . that he doesn't now and never has deserved to wear a belt that has touched the body of the Magnificent Muraco.** ☐

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YOUR LETTERS

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instincts regardless of comments from those who don't understand his ways.

Are you at *The Wrestler* afraid to confront Patera and give him fair and frequent publicity? There are rumors flying left and right concerning what's happened to Ken in the AWA, and if you realize that many people do care where he's at and what he's doing, maybe you would answer some questions for us. Please give some complete information on this true champion.

If Patera is not happy with Bobby Heenan, he should know that we appreciate his considerable talents here in New York.

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The first time I saw Dusty Rhodes wrestle, I knew he was going to win a world title. He was super in the ring. He is the greatest wrestler because he never gives up. He has beaten Harley Race twice for the NWA belt, so that proves that he is the greatest. Go beat Ric Flair for the title, Dusty, I know you can do it!

MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Hickory, NC

Dusty Rhodes snapmares Harley Race during the "American Dream's" NWA title-winning effort last June. Michael Phillips is a big Dusty Rhodes fan.

BACKLUND BOOSTER

Bob Backlund has held the WWF title for a long time, and will have to give it up only when he is fairly defeated. Let me tell you, if Backlund relinquishes his title without being defeated by a better wrestler during a match, the belt will be held by many men, passed along, and lost many times. I know that the WWF title would never again be held for as long as Backlund has had it.

For over four years, Bob Backlund has established himself as a distinguished champion and gentleman, notes Diana Gardia.

I have a lot of respect and admiration for any man who has worked as hard and can take as much punishment and has defeated as many men as Backlund has. There just doesn't seem to be a wrestler who can defeat him.

When Backlund loses his title, many fans—including myself—will be very disappointed that the WWF title will be claimed by another wrestler. But any man who can take the belt from Backlund

will also earn the respect and admiration of many fans, for it will take a very skilled, strong, talented man to do such a thing.

DIANA GARCIA
East Grand Forks, MN

GOOD JOB, LAWLER

In your August 1982 issue of *The Wrestler*, A.J. DeGeorge stated that Jerry Lawler should be taken off the Most Popular list and put on the Most Hated list for his cruel way of wrestling Andy Kaufman. Let me say this to A.J.: What Jerry Lawler did to this low-down, so-called comedian is the best thing to ever happen to the sport of

"Your Letters" contributor Jim Vasaldua has nothing but praise for the thorough manner in which Jerry Lawler handled comedian Andy Kaufman.

wrestling. I for one back Lawler 110 percent and more.

For years, Kaufman has had this coming. If Jerry Lawler didn't do it, then maybe it would have been Wahoo McDaniel, Ric Flair, or someone else. I have seen the film of the match between Lawler and Kaufman. I am very proud of Jerry. Kaufman has always thought that wrestling was fun and games, but he learned his lesson. Now Kaufman will keep his big mouth shut. Besides, wrestling is no place for an ass like Andy Kaufman.

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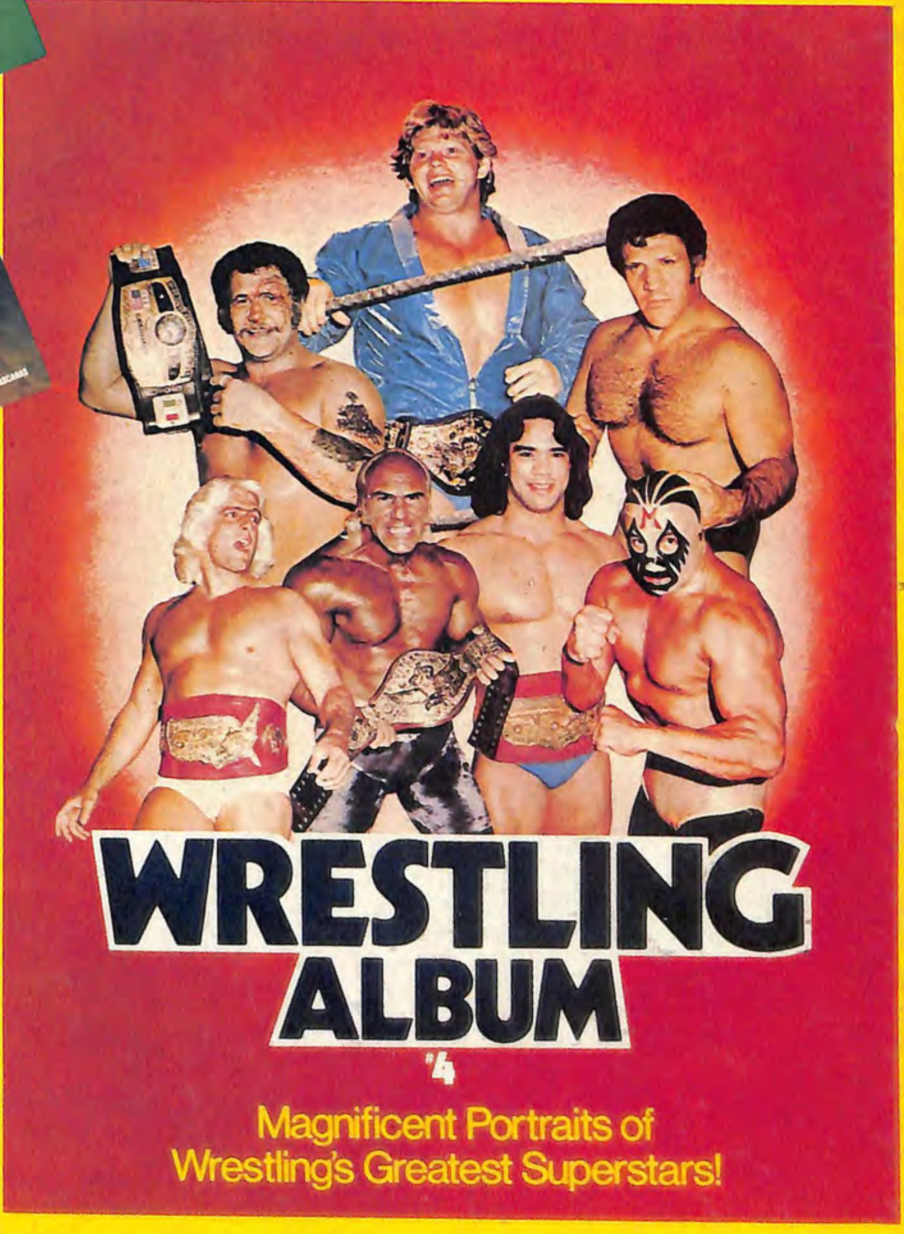

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